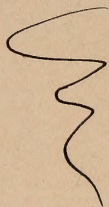


Town of Hatfield



Annual Reports
OF THE
SELECTMEN
AND
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF HATFIELD,

For the Year ending
MARCH 12th, 1860.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

TO THE INHABITANTS OF HATFIELD:—

In compliance with the vote of the town at the last annual meeting, we herewith present to you an account of the Receipts and Expenditures of the town for the past year.

Our highways and bridges at the commencement of the year were in a bad condition, owing to the great freshet which occurred last spring; consequently it required considerable expenditure of labor and money to render them safe and convenient;—the surveyors have been faithful and we believe have expended their labor and money with good judgment: some of the bills are not fully expended and as nearly or quite a month will probably elapse before the new surveyors will be chosen and qualified to take charge of the roads, we have left such bills still in the hands of the present surveyors to expend wherever the same shall be needed.

The highway over the culvert at Dewy's Hole needs some special repair, other than what is expected of a highway surveyor in the ordinary discharge of the duties of his office; it seems to us that some way should be devised to carry the water over the sides of the embankments, so as to prevent it from cutting out the road, and making deep and dangerous gullies in it, as is now the case after every great rain.

The care and oversight of the bridges of the town, were placed in the hands of a special Committee at the last annual meeting; on many of them extensive repairs were necessary for the safety of the public travel and to protect the town from liabilities for damage; the Committee have been prompt and efficient in the discharge of their duty, and we think it will be for the interest of the town, to place the care of the bridges annually under a special committee raised for the purpose.

There has been some change as to the paupers of the town the past year. Amos Newport who for nearly seven years has been partially supported by the town has died within the year. Two of the sons of the late Asa Wells have recently become chargeable to the town and we are now having them kept for about one dollar per week each;—with these exceptions our paupers are the same as the previous year.

Many of the guide boards of the town are down, and some of them are either broken or lost—we have erected one new one near the house of Lewis Dickinson, and thought it best to refer the subject to the annual meeting of the replacement of the others.

Israel G. Dickinson was re-appointed Liquor Agent for the year commencing the 4th day of May last; we believe he has discharged the duties of his office with faithfulness; the condition of the Agency will be reported at the Annual meeting.

The suit of James L. Sykes against the town has been terminated within the year in favor of the town; and although the defense of the town was committed to an Agent specially chosen for the purpose, yet as there has been considerable expense incurred by the town in their defense, and there has been manifested by many of the inhabitants a desire to know the grounds of the decision in which we in common with the other towns of the Commonwealth have so great an interest, we thought it proper to embody a short history of the suit together with the decision of the Court in this report.

The suit was commenced in January, 1858; the Agent of the town employed Messrs. Forbes & Spaulding as counsel; the action came to a partial trial in October following, when the presiding judge took it from the jury, and sent it to an Auditor to hear and report the case, to a future term of the Court: the Auditor's report which was adverse to the town in the main, was made to the June term of the Court of Common Pleas, 1859, and was accepted by the Court; the counsel for the town took exceptions to the report of the Auditor and the ruling of the Court, and carried the case to

the Supreme Judicial Court for argument ; the Supreme Court reversed the decision of the lower Court, and remanded the case back to that Court for a new trial ; and as the counsel for the Plaintiff decided not to bring the case back into the lower Court for a new trial, the Agent of the town in order to bring the matter to a final end, brought the case back again into the lower Court, and judgment was entered against the Plaintiff for the costs amounting to one hundred dollars.

It will be readily perceived that the town have been compelled in their defense to labor at a disadvantage, as they were obliged to be at all the expense in carrying the case up to the higher Court, and also, all the expense in bringing it back into the lower Court for judgment ; and as the Plaintiff has no property, of course these expenses with the other legal taxable costs of the town, have to be borne by them without hope of remuneration. The following brief reasons for the decision of the Court have recently been sent to the Agent of the town.

“The plaintiff’s claim for compensation for his services must rest upon one of two grounds ; either that by virtue of his office he is the agent of the town, and in their employment, and therefore entitled to a reasonable compensation for services rendered ; or that there was a contract by the town to pay him.

1. A surveyor of highways is not entitled to compensation for his official services, and has no right by virtue of his office, to do work for the town beyond the amount of his own tax bill, where the highway tax is raised to be expended in labor and materials.

2. The facts found in this case are not sufficient to prove a contract between him and the town to do this labor for which he claims compensation.”

At the meeting in November last, the Selectmen were instructed “to investigate the rights of the town in and to any land or lands near the mills of Harvey Moore ; to take counsel and such further action in the premises as they shall deem expedient to guard and protect the interests of the town.”

In pursuance of these instructions we examined the records of the town and county in regard to the original laying out and location of the highway commencing near the north end of the Mill bridge and running west towards Pantry and the Deerfield road so called, and also had a survey of the same made to authenticate the records; we found that a portion of the Deerfield road lying contiguous to the west end of the north abutment of said bridge was fenced up, and that James Morton, the adjoining land owner, claimed that his land extended to the abutment; and another strip beginning at the elm tree standing near the north-west corner of said bridge and running west to the north-east corner of the Allis house, so called, has been enclosed within 40 years; also another parcel of land lying on the northerly and westerly side of said road leading to Pantry beginning near a blacksmith's shop and running in a westerly and southerly direction to a point opposite the land of Henry Wilkee.

Acting under the advice of counsel we entered a complaint to the grand jury of the county at their session in December last against James Morton for enclosing these lands—this body, for reasons best known only to themselves, refused to find a bill of indictment against him.

The town at the last annual meeting made no appropriation to defray the expenses growing out of the suit of James L. Sykes, but we have been enabled to pay them from the contingent fund of the town. As one of the schools has not yet closed, the money for it has not been drawn from the Treasury, but will be before the annual meeting.

There will also be a small bill due for printing this and the school report.

We have canceled all the other bills against the town that have come to our knowledge.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in the Treasury April 2, 1859,	\$225 98
Amount of taxes assessed,	3986 91
Received from State School Fund,	40 00
" rent of Town Hall,	31 50
" for Dog licenses,	17 00
" A. M. Peck, highway surveyor,	3 72
" for grass in burial ground,	5 00
" " sale of lots in burial ground,	5 50
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EXPENDITURES.

OLD BILLS.

Paid outstanding orders drawn by former Board of Selectmen,	166 44
" C. D. Bartlett, wood furnished District No. 5,	14 00
" J. R. Abbott, labor and timber furnished,	3 46
" Sylvanus Crafts, do.	2 00
" Z. W. Bartlett, do.	3 50
" D. D. Gardner, do.	1 00
" M. B. Dickinson, provisions, &c. furnished A. Newport,	2 88
" for support of Lydia Potter,	12 38
" James Porter, for cash paid for printing School Report and making out the same,	4 75
" James Porter, for services as School Committee in 1858-59,	12 00
" F. D. Billings, do. 1858-59,	18 00
" A. Newport, for his support,	7 00
" Philetus Averill, measuring plank,	1 25
" Admin'r of J. H. Knight's Estate, for services as School Committee in 1858-59,	8 50
" James Porter, board of school teachers in winter of 1858-59,	6 17
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SCHOOLS.

Paid C. M. Anderson, for services as teacher in Dist. No. 4,				45	00
"	Jennie Warner,	do.	"	2,	48 00
"	H. L. Russell,	do.	"	5,	134 00
"	Emily Wheeler,	do.	"	1,	70 00
"	Jane M. Billings,	do.	"	3,	66 00
"	Mary C. Billings,	do.	"	2,	166 00
"	Martha D. Billings,	do.	"	2,	52 00
"	Cynthia Langdon,	do.	"	4,	24 75
"	Mary F. Pomeroy,	do.	"	3,	35 90
"	A. C. S. Hardy,	do.	"	3,	7 52
"	Abia C. Baker,	do.	"	1,	51 75
"	Sam'l Harrington,	do.	"	2,	85 09
"	D. P. Morton, for boarding school teacher 12 weeks,			27	00
"	O. D. Hastings,	do. 20 weeks,		40	00
"	J. W. Warner,	do. 20 "		40	00
"	A. S. Jones,	do. 22 "		55	50
"	S. D. Bartlett,	do. 11 "		27	50
"	H. S. Porter,	do. 11½ "		28	75
"	H. Wait,	do. 11 "		22	00
"	E. L. Hastings,	do. 16 "		32	00
"	D. W. Allis,	do. 12 "		36	40
"	H. R. Graves, for wood furnished School Dist. No. 4,			12	16
"	F. D. Billings,	do.	"	2,	12 00
"	E. Marsh,	do.	"	3,	22 00
"	J. W. Warner,	do.	"	1,	13 75
"	E. L. Hastings,	do.	"	5,	16 50
"	Philos Doan, for sawing wood,			4	00

\$1175 57

P O O R.

Paid A. Newport, for his support,	19 00
“ Dr. Smith, attendance upon A. Newport,	11 50
“ H. Wait, keeping Sarah Green,	137 92
“ H. Anderson, “ Calvin Morton,	50 00
“ Cutter Smith, “ Theo. Wells,	34 46
“ Dr. Harwood, attendance on H. Wheeler’s child and Sarah Green,	10 50
“ O. Marsh, keeping transient paupers,	5 25
“ H. P. Billings, for boots furnished Wm. Wells,	3 00
“ P. Chapin, keeping A. Wells,	19 33
“ Silas Bardwell, for support of O. Bardwell,	75 00
“ S. H. Dickinson, “ Asa Wells,	12 00
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C O N T I N G E N C I E S.

Paid Z. W. Bartlett, for work on bridges,	164 79
“ H. Moore, for lumber,	12 75
“ W. H. Dickinson, for plank,	29 59
“ H. S. Porter, mowing old burial ground and repairing foot walk,	4 50
“ W. D. Billings, for services as Clerk,	27 42
“ E. Graves, “ surveying,	5 00
“ E. A. Dickinson, “ as Assessor,	26 75
“ D. Allis, “ “	27 75
“ J. T. Fitch, “ “	30 28

Paid D. Allis, for work and lumber on Hill and Mill bridges,	18 37
“ Geo. Wait, for services as Com. on bridges,	2 50
“ E. F. Cooley, for overwork on highway,	10 00
“ C. D. Squires, care of Hall,	4 50
“ H. P. Billings, for services as Treasurer,	15 00
“ E. N. Sampson, “ Collector and serving town warrants,	41 00
“ E. Hubbard, for services as Selectman,	10 25
“ J. Scott, do.	14 16
“ Geo. W. Hubbard, for services in the Sykes suit and cash paid,	21 66
“ Geo. W. Hubbard, balance due for time spent about highways near Moore’s Mill and Hotel expenses,	14 93
“ Geo. W. Hubbard, for attendance on Board of Electors, Cash paid for legal advice, and services as Selectman,	26 41
“ Forbes & Spaulding, for legal services,	211 05
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	\$718 66

Abatement of taxes,	18 17
Paid County Tax,	1047 71
“ State “	357 00

RECAPITULATION.

Receipts into the Treasury,	\$4315 61
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PAYMENTS BY THE TOWN.

For Old bills,	263 33
“ Schools,	1175 57
“ Poor,	377 96

Paid Contingencies,	718 66
“ Abatement of taxes,	18 17
“ County tax,	1047 71
“ State “	357 00
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	\$3958 40

Amount in hands of Treasurer March 12, 1860,
to new account, \$357 21

GEO. W. HUBBARD, } *Selectmen*
JAMES SCOTT, } *of*
ELISHA HUBBARD, } *Hatfield.*

H. P. BILLINGS, *Treasurer.*

MARCH 12, 1860.



REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE TOWN OF HATFIELD, 1859-60.

YOUR Committee have attended to the duties devolving upon them, and do in conformity to the Law of this Commonwealth, present to the town, their annual report on the state of the Public Schools.

In making our Report, we enter upon this duty feeling in a greater degree than ever, the responsibility that has rested upon us, in view of the extra duties which have been placed upon us by law, viz., that of procuring Teachers, at least a part of the year, for the several schools.

We would say that the arrangement has brought with it increased anxiety, as well as labor. From the fact that this course has been advocated for so long a time by State as well as Town Committees, it may seem, to some persons, to be a matter of experiment, or in other words, a test as to the expediency of continuing the system, it being decided by the success of the schools for the time being. We would express ourselves, that while it cannot be denied that the Superintending committee have increased opportunities for ascertaining the qualifications of teachers, as well as, to their whereabouts, beyond that of Prudential Committees, whose term of office usually continues but one year; still, in view of the many incidental and local questions which may arise in any district, we are quite willing that these responsibilities should be assumed by the Prudential Committee.

In making our report, we would say that we believe circumstances have much to do with a teacher's success. In the first place, the condition of the school, the nature of the discipline to which it has been previously subjected, and the views of the district as to what constitutes a good school.

We find that in one school a teacher may have good success, the scholars willingly rendering obedience, while the same teacher may take another school having been under different treatment, and encountering prejudices which are not easily overcome, which, if not a failure, very much impairs the reputation of the teacher. And in making our report, we would bear this in mind, lest we may convey the impression that those who have not met with such success as may have been desired, are unfit for the station of instructors in our schools. For the most part we have had teachers of experience and reputation, and in many districts have met with decidedly good success.

Your committee have attended to the examination of teachers and we are happy to say that most of them have shown, by their knowledge of those branches prescribed by law, that they have had an *idea* of what a teacher's literary qualifications should be.

We have attended to the duty of visiting the schools in the several districts, and we think that each school has been visited, at least, three times during a term. We have endeavored to point out to teachers and scholars wherein they might improve, and have had no other object in so doing than the good of the school.

In some instances when in our judgment the school deserved commendation, and a little of this would increase the stimulus already created, we have felt it a pleasure to express it, and when we have found occasion to point out where improvement could be made, we have not wished to have been understood as noticing nothing commendable ; and we believe that where suggestions have been made to teachers, or scholars, that these have been received with willingness of mind, and in many instances have improved thereby.

DISTRICT NO. 1.—*Summer Term.*

This school had been previously under the tuition of a very successful teacher. And it is often observed by your committee that where a teacher has had the entire confidence of parents and children, it requires more labor as well as forbearance on the part of the one who follows. And we would say, that with this state of things, it is a more difficult task, for a new teacher with different ways to accomplish the same thing, to give satisfaction. The teacher was one of experience and reputation. She succeeded in controlling the school, and a good degree of proficiency was attained.

Winter Term.—This school was commenced by a new teacher, whose success in other places gave assurance to your committee, that nothing short of a good school would be the result of her effort.

Here we would resort to the principle expressed in the statement made in the opening of this report, which was “that a teacher may give entire satisfaction in one school, and not in another.” She was evidently a person of sufficient literary attainment to accomplish all that could be required of her, but did not succeed in maintaining that discipline in school, which is necessary that the scholars may be restrained from perverting the object for which money is expended on their behalf, and that they may bestow on their teacher that respect which is her due. She voluntarily left the school, staying eleven and one-half weeks. The same school is now under the care of a gentleman, who, although encountering obstacles which are more generally coincident to a situation like this, is giving evidence that the school may be a prosperous one.

DISTRICT NO. 2, UPPER DEPARTMENT.—*Summer Term.*

This school was commenced by one who has been eminently successful in another district, and consequently the expectations of your committee were considerably excited with the prospect of having a good school. In the opinion of

the committee, this school was in a good degree a prosperous one, the teacher endeavoring to sustain a reputation already acquired. We find here also that a teacher may have undisturbed success in one district, while in another, circumstances may present themselves which will somewhat impair such teacher's reputation. This school continued three months, circumstances rendering it impracticable for her to continue the length of term for which she was engaged. Her place was filled by one who had been formerly a teacher in the same school, and we would say that the same success followed her efforts, which has given your committee pleasure to speak of, in previous reports.

Winter Term.—Your committee would frankly acknowledge that a mistake was made in not making more ample provision for the winter school, by the expenditure of too great a proportion of the money in the summer and fall terms, hence not giving to the older scholars that length of school, which justly belongs to them.

This school was entered upon by a person who readily gained the respect of his pupils. Many of the scholars started with the intention of *doing something*, and hence it did not require compulsion on the part of the teacher to keep them at work. The school closed with a review of a part of the studies pursued, and in commenting on these recitations, we would say, that most of the pupils exhibited themselves to a good advantage.

DISTRICT NO. 2.—PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

This school was under the care of the same teacher during the year. We would say that it made good proficiency in the first steps of acquiring an education, and as the old maxim expresses our sentiments, "like teacher, like scholars," so we would say that as there was on the part of the teacher a good degree of energy displayed, so we might expect on the part of the scholars something of the same spirit.

DISTRICT NO. 3.—*Summer Term.*

Your committee feel themselves unable to give a definite report of this school, it having been under the care of the other member of the committee. We would make a general statement, reporting that we consider the school to have been a satisfactory one. We think that there is such a thing as a school continuing too long; the scholars becoming weary lose their ambition, and by inconstancy lessen the average attendance, making it hard work for a teacher to keep up that interest which is necessary to good progress. We think that if the school had closed sooner, giving more money to have been expended during the winter, the arrangement would have given better satisfaction.

Winter Term.—We would say that this school was visited by the present committee, and we are able to say, that in our opinion the school made good progress, the teacher laboring to press the scholars forward no faster, than they could well understand. We would say of this, in connection with other schools of the same character, that there were introduced by the teacher exercises of a rhetorical nature which tends to create activity, and drive off the monotony, which may hover around some of our school rooms.

It gives your committee pleasure to speak of the school containing most of the older scholars of the district, and supported mostly by individual subscriptions. We feel that we can commend the course the district has pursued in sustaining such a school, as also the success which has crowned the efforts of him who has had the charge of it. One of the principal features of this school was that the scholars were kept hard at work. It needs no argument on our part to convince others that here is one great secret of a teacher's success in governing a school, and also that a school of eleven weeks under these circumstances is worth more than sixteen weeks with moderate labor.

The summer school in District No. 4, was under the care of a former teacher, and the pupils made good progress in the different branches pursued.

The winter school was taught by a lady of limited experience, and as some of the older scholars took advantage of this, before the term closed the want of discipline was severely felt.

We notice on the Register that but one parent visited this school during the entire year. We do not think that any school can prosper as it should, unless the parents are sufficiently interested to visit it at least twice during each term.

The school in District No. 5, was under the care of a former successful teacher and a graduate of the Normal school, both summer and winter. And as teacher and scholars were mutually acquainted, no time was lost by the teacher in ascertaining the capacity of the pupils, but all went to work in earnest, and the progress which the school has made the past year should be an argument against changing teachers any oftener than is absolutely necessary for the good of the schools. Other things being equal, we think that the school which enjoys the labors of a successful teacher who understands thoroughly the mental capacities of each scholar, will have an advantage fully equal to twenty-five per cent. over that school which has a new teacher every term.

In closing our report, we wish to speak of the interest manifested on the part of our inhabitants in the prosperity of our schools. We believe that our people are willing to make such sacrifices as are necessary to afford their children opportunities for gaining a good common school education. This is manifested in various ways; in raising such sums of money as are necessary to meet the expenditures incident to the continuing of the schools a sufficient length of time. This interest is also expressed in visiting the schools, on the part of the districts. While we would not convey the impression that our citizens attend to this duty as much as might be profitable, (we would rather incite them to greater faithfulness in this respect,) still, by the perusal of our Registers, and the presence of so many persons at some of our examinations, we believe that most of our people do as well in this respect as in other places.

Whether our success in the procuring of teachers has or has not been equal to that of previous years, we would notwith-

standing convey the impression, that we cannot place too high an estimate on the importance of securing the best of teachers. To say that we want persons of literary attainments, would not wholly meet our demands. While we must have this, with refinement, still we feel that the capacity to govern ; as also the faculty to look at obstacles which may exist as the child looks at them ; the power of drawing the affections ; the aptness to impart instruction, are of no less consequence. We would have our teachers carry about with them the impression that their pupils are looking upon them as models, and that wherever they may come in contact with them either in school or abroad, their impress is written upon the mind of the pupil. We would have them feel that their station is one of trust, of responsibility, a public station ; and one which will necessarily call out public expression, and while we would not wish to see an unbending rigidity on the part of the teacher, we would say that we do like to see a proper dignity united with freedom, as also an ability, both in precept and practice, to impart that moral instruction, which is so necessary to a healthy moral influence.

We cannot close this report without calling to mind the memory of one of our number who has for several years been a member, as well as chairman, of the board of this committee. We feel that we have been deprived of the counsel of one, whose judgment we have been wont to rely on ; whose ability in those things which go to make an efficient committee, has called out not only our respect, but we are confident that his friendly advice, his cheering words to both teacher and scholar, and the generous impulse of his nature, will cause the memory of Joseph H. Knight to exist in the minds of a greater part of this community for a long time to come.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES PORTER, } *School Committee*
E. L. HASTINGS, } *of Hatfield.*

Districts.	Length of School in months.		Wages of teacher per month.		Average attendance.		Whole No. of Scholars.		No. under Five years.		No. over Fifteen.	
	Sum.	Win.	Sum.	Win.	Sum.	Win.	Sum.	Win.	Sum.	Win.	Sum.	Win.
No. 1 Hill,	5	4	22.00	33.00	27	38	33	43	1	0	0	8
No. 2 Centre,	5	3	25.40	40.37	24	35	32	41	0	0	0	17
Primary Department,	5	3	20.00	22.00	36	47	44	54	7	3	0	0
No. 3 West Farms,	5½	2¾	22.00	22.00	25	31	35	35	3	0	1	2
No. 3 West Brook,	2½	2¾	18.00	17.00	10	20	13	24	1	0	0	4
No. 5 Pantry,	5	4	22.00	24.00	34½	38	46	47	0	0	0	8

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

TO THE INHABITANTS OF HATFIELD :—

In presenting to you the annual Report of the Receipts and Expenditures of the town for the past year, we are happy to be able to do so with a balance in favor of the town in the Treasury, and, consequently, not having been obliged to avail ourselves of the vote of the town at the meeting in November last, to borrow a sufficient sum of money to meet any deficiencies of the Treasury which it was feared might occur by reason of the unusual number of poor persons that had been thrown upon the town for relief since the last annual meeting and for whom no appropriations had been made.

The system which has so long been adopted by this town, in their corporate capacity, of "paying as they go" and avoiding all debts or obligations for future years or generations to cancel, is one that commends itself to every sound business man as the safest and wisest course to be pursued.

The large amount of snow that has fallen during the past winter has rendered necessary the expenditure of more money than usual at that season of the year, to render the roads safe and convenient; although some of the roads were temporarily obstructed, as must always be the case during a winter of deep and heavy snow, yet our surveyors have ever held themselves in readiness to use all the means at their command for the removal of this and every other impediment of free and unobstructed travel, thereby protecting the town from complaint and prosecution, and the traveller from delays and injury.

The bridges of the town have been under the care of the same Committee for the past two years, who have discharged their duties to the general acceptance.

Israel G. Dickinson has performed his duties as Liquor Agent, with the faithfulness which he has exhibited in that office in former years; he will report the condition of the Agency, at the annual meeting.

We have caused guide boards to be prepared for the most important roads of the town, which will be erected as soon as the ground and weather will permit.

In conformity to the vote of the town at the last annual meeting, we have procured an insurance upon the town hall, in the Farmers & Merchants Mutual Insurance Company of Worcester, for five years from the first day of May last, for fifteen hundred dollars.

The town are now supporting, wholly or in part, seven individuals whose legal settlement is in this town: these are Sarah Green, Calvin Morton, Theodore Wells, Asa Wells, Anna Dickinson, Sophronia Vining and Oliver Bardwell. There is also a person, by the name of Lydia Potter, who resides in Boston, for whom we are obliged to pay about ten or twelve dollars per year, to provide her with fuel. Besides these, the family of James Billings, whose legal settlement is in Shrewsbury, have been relieved, and are now at no farther expense to this town. Bathsheba Shumway, whose legal settlement is in Belchertown, is now supported by this town: the Overseers of the Poor of Belchertown having been legally notified, have agreed to assume the expense of her support.

Phileta P. Partridge, in June last, made application to us for relief, being sick and nearly helpless; this individual is a native of the State of Vermont, as is also her father; the town, at the last November meeting, instructed us to make an investigation to ascertain whether she had a legal settlement in any town of this Commonwealth; in pursuance of these instructions, we have searched the records of Worcester county, and found that Jasper Partridge, the great grandfather of Phileta P., was a native of Medway, Mass., born in the year 1732, and that his father's name was Jonathan; that in 1758, Jonathan Partridge, then an inhabitant of Rutland District, now called Barre, conveyed a tract of land containing 52 acres and 88 rods, to Jasper Partridge, who is also described as of Rutland District. In 1762, Jasper Partridge conveyed a tract of land containing 52 acres, (supposed to be the same he received from his father,) to one Robert Patrick of Rutland; also another tract, described as lying across Ware river, of 6 acres; in the deed of conveyance to Patrick,

a dwelling house is mentioned as standing on the 52 acres. From these facts, it would seem that there could be no mistake, but that the legal settlement of Phileta P. Partridge is in the town of Barre; the early records of Rutland District having been burnt, we are unable to prove any thing from that source: the facts hereinstated have been placed before the Overseers of the Poor of Barre, who requested time to examine the facts in the case, and then they would inform us of their determination; this pauper is the most expensive of any now supported by the town, her board alone costing two dollars and fifty cents per week. We suppose there are other facts that can be ascertained in reference to the case, if it should be thought advisable by the town to enforce by law their claim for remuneration for the expense incurred for her support against the town of her settlement; but we thought it not best to be at any more expense in the search for evidence until the determination of the town of Barre was known.

A second complaint was entered by us, as Selectmen, to the Grand Jury of the county, at their session last June, against James Morton, for enclosing certain portions of highways near the mills of Harvey Moore: a bill of indictment was found against him, for fencing up a portion of the Deerfield road adjoining the north abutment of the mill bridge. The case was continued to the December term of the Superior Court: at that time, the District Attorney desired to have the trial of the indictment delayed, in order that he might obtain the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of James Morton against Harvey Moore, in which it is alleged by the counsel for the Defendant, that it has been decided that Morton's fence for which he was indicted, is the bound of the highway. The case now stands continued to the criminal term of the Superior Court for next June. In order to ascertain as nearly as possible the true boundary of the highway at the point in controversy, we have procured from two competent surveyors a survey of the road beginning at the terminus of the Deerfield road near the dwelling house of the late John Hubbard, and running northerly to a point near the house of Lewis Covill. From this survey, it scarcely

admits of a doubt, that the individual complained of, has enclosed a portion of the highway which, so far as the town is concerned, is of considerable value for the purpose of building and repairing the mill bridge, which is the most expensive structure of the kind in the town. For any agricultural purpose whatever, this small piece of land is but of nominal value—we think that the interests of the town imperatively demand that their rights to the locality in question should be rigidly enforced, for if the claim of the defendant, as we understand it, is admitted, then it is only at great inconvenience and difficulty, that access can be had to and from the foundations of this bridge, without trespassing upon his land; and although it has been suggested by some persons that James Morton is willing to give the town a right to pass over this land for the purpose above mentioned, yet we apprehend that the town will never consent to part with a right which is as old as the road itself, and which no adjoining owner before the present one ever presumed to question, and accept in its stead a simple permit to pass over this piece of ground, which may be at any time abrogated or made the foundation of future controversy and litigation.

We have paid all the bills against the town now due, that have come to our knowledge. The school in district No. 5 not having closed, the money due that district has not been drawn from the treasury. There will also be due in the month of April, about one hundred dollars for the support of the poor; besides these, there will also be bills for printing, and for guide boards; and also the Selectmen's bills for services, which will be presented to the annual meeting. The bill against the town of Belchertown for the support of Bathsheba Shumway, will probably be paid soon after the first of April. The claim of the town against the town of Barre now amounts to nearly one hundred and twenty dollars, which we hope will be paid without litigation.

GEO. W. HUBBARD, } *Selectmen*
 JAMES SCOTT, } *of*
 ELISHA HUBBARD, } *Hatfield.*

HATFIELD, March 12, 1861.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in the Treasury March 12, 1860,	\$357 21
Amount of taxes assessed,	3971 69
Received from State School Fund,	49 82
“ for rent of Town Hall,	29 00
“ “ Dog licenses,	7 00
“ “ grass in cemetery,	4 00
“ “ sale of lots in cemetery,	3 00
“ from Overseers of the Poor of Greenfield,	10 00
“ “ “ “ “ Shrewsbury,	10 00
C. D. Bartlett's order, included accidentally in last Report,	14 00
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Amount,	\$4455 72

EXPENDITURES.

OLD BILLS.

Paid amount of old bills for 1859, not included in last Report,	9 60
“ Daniel A Vining, overwork on highways,	4 58
“ Metcalf & Co., for printing,	20 00
“ J. Lewis, for services as teacher in District No. 1,	35 00
“ J. S. Graves, for boarding teacher,	14 00
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	\$83 18

SCHOOLS.

Paid H. L. Russell, for services as teacher in Dist. No. 1,				\$70	00
"	J. Lewis,	do.	"	1,	96 00
"	A. F. Cook,	do.	"	2,	75 00
"	Mary E. Lyon,	do.	"	2,	75 00
"	J. A. Leach,	do.	"	2,	91 50
"	Mary F. Pomeroy,	do.	"	3,	50 80
"	A. S. Hardy,	do.	"	3,	60 53
"	Laura E. Bartlett,	do.	"	3,	36 00
"	A. A. Crafts,	do.	"	4,	18 18
"	L. H. Whitman,	do.	"	4,	33 00
"	Helen M. Shepard,	do.	"	5,	63 00
" Jona. S. Graves, for boarding school teacher,				81	00
"	Temperance Morton,	"	"	53	25
"	Moses C. Porter,	"	"	90	00
"	Sam'l D. Bartlett,	"	"	56	00
"	Foster C. Anderson,	"	"	39	75
"	Henry Dwight,	"	"	47	25
" L. G. Curtis, for wood and cash paid for Dist. No. 1,				19	31
"	Moses C. Porter, for	"	"	2,	22 11
"	C. M. Billings,	"	"	2,	7 66
"	Sam'l D. Bartlett,	"	"	3,	19 50
"	Foster C. Anderson,	"	"	4,	1 46
"	Caleb Dickinson,	"	"	2,	3 97
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					\$1110 27

POOR.

Paid Horace Wait, for keeping Sarah Green,			\$137	66
"	H. Anderson,	" Calvin Morton,	22	50
"	H. Anderson,	" Anna Dickinson,	37	50
"	F. C. Anderson,	" Theo. Wells,	19	00
"	O. S. Vining,	" Sophronia Vining,	31	50
"	P. Chapin,	" Asa Wells,	20	00

Paid Rodolphus Graves, for keeping Phileta P. Partridge,	80 00
" Silas Bardwell, " Oliver Bardwell,	75 00
" O. Marsh, " transient paupers,	4 75
" James Morton, " James Billings and family,	15 00
" Helen Shumway, for nursing B. Shumway,	7 50
" Roswell Hubbard, " wood furnished B. Shumway,	9 00
" D. F. Wells, " merchandise " "	16 65
" H. P. & W. D. Billings, for boots furnished W. Wells,	3 00
" Overseers of the Poor of Greenfield, funeral expenses of Lewis Harris,	12 17
" Dr. D. Thompson, medical advice for P. P. Partridge,	5 00
" Dr. C. N. Chamberlain, " " "	21 75
" Dr. S. A. Fiske, " " B. Shumway,	2 00
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	\$519 98

CONTINGENCIES.

Paid Harvey Kirkland, for Insurance on Hall,	\$38 50
" Densmore & Field, " repairing Hall,	1 75
" J. T. & G. C. Fitch, " plank,	75 00
" Geo. Wait, for services as Assessor,	54 13
" Leander Cooley, " "	57 30
" John T. Fitch, " "	54 50
" J. T. Tower, for labor on Hall,	42 93
" Edwin Graves, " and cash paid,	38 02
" A. M. Peck, overwork on highways,	25 17
" A. M. Peck, labor on cemetery fence, &c. and cash paid,	2 03
" Edwin Graves, for services in surveying,	29 25
" Lemuel Cooley, " labor on Hall, and cash paid,	35 16
" Z. W. Bartlett, for building West Brook bridge,	75 00
" Dexter Allis, for services as committee on bridges,	3 50
" Geo. Wait, " " " "	4 00
" E. F. Cooley, overwork on highways, and lumber,	12 00
" H. P. Billings, for services as Treasurer,	15 00
" Wm. D. Billings, " Clerk, and cash paid,	24 95
" H. S. Porter, for mowing old cemetery,	1 50

Paid J. Porter, for services as School Com. in 1859-60,	30 00
" E. L. Hastings, " " "	17 25
" Adm'r of J. H. Knight, dec'd, " 1859,	14 50
" A. E. Strong, for overwork on highways,	15 51
" Wm. P. Allis, " " "	11 38
" R. Turner, " services in surveying,	9 50
" Forbes & Spaulding, legal advice,	8 00
" S. G. Hubbard, services surveying,	2 00
" E. N. Sampson, collecting taxes, &c.,	43 88
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	\$741 71

Abatement of taxes,	\$23 27
Paid County Tax,	997 82
" State "	297 50

RECAPITULATION.

Receipts into the Treasury,	\$4455 72
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PAYMENTS BY THE TOWN.

For Old Bills,	\$83 18
" Schools,	1110 27
" Poor,	519 98
" Contingencies,	741 71
" County Tax,	997 82
" State "	297 50
" Abatement of taxes,	23 27
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	\$3773 73

Amount in hands of Treasurer March 12, 1861,	
to new account,	\$681 99

GEO. W. HUBBARD, } *Selectmen*
 JAMES SCOTT, } *of*
 ELISHA HUBBARD, } *Hatfield.*

H. P. BILLINGS, *Treasurer.*

MARCH 12, 1861.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE TOWN OF HATFIELD, 1860-61.

YOUR Committee, in reviewing the year that is past, take pleasure in reporting, that the Schools in this town have made in many material respects, marked advances.

Good order, with a mild system of discipline, under thorough teachers, has enabled all the schools to exhibit a creditable degree of progress, in the various studies pursued. At the same time, unavoidable causes have operated to produce a marked difference in the degree of progress. Some schools have been under the instruction of the same teacher throughout the year, while others have changed teachers every term — some have had too many scholars, some too few — some schools have been graded in such manner as to add to the interest of teacher and pupil, while in others, the teacher was expected to turn his attention, at any moment, from the a-b, ab, of an infant scholar, to abstruse questions in the higher mathematics. Your Committee feel confident that part at least of these evils can be remedied in the future.

A teacher, in the course of a term, becomes acquainted with, not only the face, but the mind and disposition of each pupil, so that at the commencement of a second term both are prepared to commence, and go forward from the point where the end of the previous term left them; whereas, a new teacher has much ground to go over, much time to spend, before he can fairly become an *instructor*. The progress made by the schools under female teachers in the Centre District, was undoubtedly owing in part to the fact that the same teachers have been employed through the year. It cannot be too strongly urged that teachers who have given good satisfaction should certainly be retained for the ensuing term; to

enable the Prudential Committee to do this, it may be necessary, in some districts, to change the time for choosing that officer.

We are aware that in most cases the evils arising from the want of a sufficient number of scholars, and also those arising from too great a number, are incident to our scattered population, and the distance apart of the several districts. Thus District No. 4 has so few scholars that schools cannot be maintained as long as they should, without a burdensome tax upon the inhabitants of the district; at the same time, so remote are they from other districts, that no benefit can be derived from a union with others.

The schools in Pantry district have suffered from a state of things differing somewhat from those in West Brook, there not being scholars enough for two schools, yet so many are crowded into their one small inconvenient room, that it is only through the excellent management of superior teachers, that any thing can be accomplished. We hope that when the new school house, now talked of in that district, shall be decided upon, that a commodious house will be erected, with two rooms,—then if the district cannot support two schools, the teacher seeking assistance from the older pupils, will be able to do better justice to the whole school—a plan similar to the one adopted with such eminent success in the State Normal schools.

The evils resulting from the “mixed” system have been fully exemplified by the Winter school in the Hill district, where, notwithstanding the earnest labors of an excellent teacher, the school has been only partially successful. It is simply impossible for a teacher to give his time and attention to explanations needed by the older scholars, while he is surrounded by a room full of small children, who can only be kept in order, (such is the experience of all teachers,) by being continually interested; equally impossible is it for a teacher to interest and keep in order a school of young scholars, and at the same time give advanced classes the attention and assistance necessary.

The Hill district, by uniting with the Centre, might secure the advantages of a High school for their more advanced scholars, thereby, during the Winter term, relieving their now crowded school room, and rendering unnecessary the employment of a teacher of the eminent literary qualifications of the one employed the past Winter, and, while a female teacher would be amply qualified to take charge of the smaller scholars, the saving in teachers' wages might be applied to the union school : the advantages of a plan similar to this, are so apparent, they need not here be enumerated.

The North Centre and Farms Districts have given to their scholars additional schooling, by a liberal private subscription ; this, with the adoption of the "grade system" for the Upper department, and the employment of superior teachers, has enabled the schools in those districts to make rapid advance.

The average of attendance in our schools has not been as high as we could have wished ; this has been owing to the prevalence of disease, that by the dispensation of an overruling Providence has prevented many from punctual attendance, while some have been removed by death.

In our haste to advance in school education, there seems to be a tendency to neglect the primary branches ; the importance of a thorough education in reading and spelling cannot be too highly appreciated ; especially would we call attention to reading, which we find is more apt to be neglected, perhaps because so very few of public instructors are themselves *good* readers. Reading is an art, in which, unless a teacher can instruct by example, he can never hope to make proficient of his pupils. This is a point in the qualifications of teachers that we trust will not be neglected by those who employ them.

We cannot close this report without urging upon parents the importance of frequently visiting the school room ; a good school cannot be maintained, without a hearty co-operation of teacher and parent ; and you can in no way understand so well what your school is doing, what its requirements are, as by

frequently visiting it; it is a duty that you owe to yourselves and your children, that you should see, and judge for yourselves, how and in what manner that person employed by you for a limited time, and for a specific purpose, discharges the obligations resting upon him. Visit the school, and you can then appreciate, as you can in no other way, the effects of a crowded room; the actual loss of time in a mixed school; the almost utter impossibility of a large school making progress, without the maintenance of good order. Visit the school room, and your presence will always have a good influence upon teacher and pupil, and if you would have that influence lasting, let your visits be neither few nor far between.

From the peculiar circumstances of Districts 1 and 5, the amount liable to be drawn from the Treasury by those districts, has not all been expended. We would recommend that a part, or the whole of such unexpended portion be donated to, District No. 4, to be used for school purposes the ensuing year.

With the exception of District No. 4, the length of schools has been satisfactory, and as there is no reason to expect increased expense, we would recommend that the same amount as last year be raised for the year to come.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. H. BELDEN,	} <i>School Committee</i>
E. L. HASTINGS,	
EDWIN GRAVES,	

of Hatfield.

HATFIELD, March 15, 1861.

The town raised by tax, \$1250,00 for Schools. No. of Children between 5 and 15 years of age, 230.

Districts.	School taught by	Length of School in months.		Amount paid.		Whole No. of Scholars.		Average attendance.		No. School-ars under five years.		No. School-ars over 15 years.	
		Sum.	Win.	Sum.	Win.	Sum.	Win.	Sum.	Win.	Sum.	Win.	Sum.	Win.
No. 1, Hill,	Harriett L. Russell.	5	115,00	132,00	46	27½	34	2	2	0	0	2	0
No. 1, Hill,	James Lewis.	3	63,00	65,00	33	25½	23½	0	0	0	0	0	9
No. 2, S. Centre,	Mary E. Lyon.	3	60,00	68,25	38	29½	15½	4	4	2	2	0	1
*No. 2, N. Centre,	Angela F. Cook.	3	3½	126,00	25	23½	23½	0	0	0	0	12	0
No. 2, Upper Dep't,	Joseph A. Leach.	4	80,00	60,00	33	28½	30¾	2	2	0	0	0	0
No. 3, Farms,	Mary F. Pomeroy.	3	130,00	19½	22	10½	19½	0	0	0	0	13	0
No. 3, Farms,	Asa S. Hardy.	2½	37,75	57,00	13	19	15	3	3	0	0	7	0
†No. 3, Upper Dep't,	Annette A. Crafts.	5½	113,25	100,00	41	27	35	0	0	0	0	0	4
No. 4, W. Brook,	Lucretia H. Whitman.												
No. 4, W. Brook,	Helen M. Shephard.												
No. 5, Pantry,	Elvira A. Elwell.												
No. 5, Pantry,													

* 8 Weeks private school in addition.

† \$60,53 of this amount raised by private means.



R E P O R T S

OF THE

Selectmen and School Committee

OF THE

T O W N O F H A T F I E L D ,

FOR THE YEAR 1861-62.



NORTHAMPTON:
TRUMBULL & GERE,....PRINTERS.
1862.

Report of the Selectmen.

AT the close of another financial year we submit the following Report of the Receipts and Disbursements of the town for the past year. In settlement with the Treasurer we find in his hands \$61.14, and due on the tax-bills uncollected, \$159.30. There are bills due and not presented for schools and paupers, probably to the amount of something over \$300. We have changed the former practice of the town in relation to the support of paupers. We thought it would be more economical and less trouble to the Overseers of the Poor, to have them congregated together. We accordingly made an arrangement with Herrick Anderson, to keep all the permanent ones at a stipulated price per year, and transient ones for a reasonable compensation. Two of the most expensive, viz: Mrs. Vining and Phileta Partridge, we have removed from the list.

The bill against the town of Belchertown, mentioned in last report, has been paid. The claim of the town against the town of Barre has been settled in our favor by process of law; the agent, G. W. Hubbard, will report at the proper time.

In addition to the sums above named, there will be the Selectmen's bills for services and the printing of this report.

On the 15th of April, on the breaking out of the great rebellion, the President called on the country for volunteers to defend the Capital from invasion by the rebels. Massachusetts in accordance with her previous history, was first in the field, and on the 19th of April, her sons fell in the streets of Baltimore. Our people in the fervor of their patriotism, called a town meeting and appropriated the sum of \$5000 for the benefit of those who should enlist and their families, and chose a Committee of seven to dispense it according to their discretion. In accordance with the above vote, the Committee borrowed the sum of \$800 and appropriated it for the purposes above named, aside from a sum in the hands of the Committee sufficient to pay interest and necessary expenses. We have in the field under the flag of our country, twenty-eight recruits, who we are confident will render good service to their country. There is now due to families of volunteers, \$184.98, after deducting twelve dollars, having paid Mrs. Puffer up to January 1, 1862. There will be due to families, \$56 per month, so long as they continue in service. They have not been paid, with the exception of \$12 to Mrs. Puffer, for the reason that there has been no money appropriated by the town.

The sums paid to volunteers will eventually be reimbursed by the State; the town will judge respecting the proper way to raise it.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury March 12, 1861,	\$681 99
Amount of Taxes assessed,	4804 52
Received from State School Fund,	44 85
“ “ Dog Licenses,	2 00
“ “ Overseers Poor, Belchertown,	186 55
“ “ Guardian Sarah Horton,	53 57
	————— \$5773 48

EXPENDITURES.

OLD BILLS.

Paid Old Bills for 1860,	\$326 32
“ Foster C. Anderson, for keeping Paupers,	19 00
“ H. W. Field, land damages,	50 00
“ Oliver S. Vining, Paupers,	5 50
“ Dr. N. Gilman, medical advice for Mrs. Shumway,	20 00
“ Herrick Anderson, for keeping Paupers,	25 00
“ O. Marsh, for keeping transient Paupers,	7 25
“ D. F. Wells,	5 95
“ G. W. Hubbard, bal. due for keeping Asa Wells,	3 51
“ O. M. Billings, wood for District No. 2,	7 66
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	\$470 19

POOR.

Paid Rodolphus Graves, for keeping Phileta P. Partridge,	\$30 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “	55 72
“ Overseers Poor, Boston, for keeping Lydia Potter	12 87
“ O. Marsh, for keeping transient Paupers,	11 55
“ Dr. R. Spaulding, medical advice for Harriet Wheeler,	9 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ Mrs. Shumway,	26 75
“ Dr. A. Montville, “ “ “ Jack Wheeler,	20 00
“ Roswell Hubbard, cash paid for Mrs. Shumway,	84 47
“ “ “ pants for Wm. Wells,	1 50
“ C. Colton, coffin for Mrs. J. Peck,	5 00
“ Horace Wait, for keeping Sarah Green,	18 00
“ Silas Bardwell, for keeping Oliver Bardwell,	75 00
“ Insane Hospital, Northampton, for Mrs. Justus Morton,	53 57
“ “ “ “ “ Francis Abbott,	50 57
“ Herrick Anderson, support of Poor,	150 00
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	\$604 00

The following named paupers are being kept for the sums annexed to their names, per annum :—Sarah Green, \$100 ; Calvin Morton, 52 ; Anna Dickinson, 65 ; Theodore Wells, 52 ; Asa Wells, 52.

SCHOOLS.

Paid E. L. Mann, for services as teacher in District No. 1,	\$134 00
“ Mary C. Billings, “ “ “ “ 1,	47 25
“ H. L. Russell, “ “ “ “ 2,	39 00
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Carried forward,	\$220 25

SCHOOLS—CONTINUED.

	Amount brought forward,	\$220 25
Paid A. F. Cook, for services as teacher in District No. 2,		74 50
" P. A. Williams, " " " 2,		36 00
" J. A. Leach, " " " 2,		90 00
" Hattie S. Belden, " " " 3,		42 00
" Sarah M. Smith, " " " 3,		30 00
" John Avery, " " " 3,		35 00
" L. H. Whitman, " " " 4,		27 00
" E. A. Elwell, " " " 5,		70 00
" E. N. Sampson, for boarding teacher,		63 50
" Mary S. Billings, " "		31 50
" S. G. Hubbard, " "		27 00
" Laura Bliss, " "		24 00
" Temperance Morton, " "		26 67
" D. F. Wells, " "		59 20
" Sanford Belden, " "		28 00
" R. H. Belden, " "		24 00
" D. A. Vining, " "		21 00
" C. P. Bardwell, " "		52 25
" E. N. Sampson, for wood for schools,		27 25
" D. F. Wells, " " "		10 00
" Wm. H. Dickinson,		20 00
" J. E. Wight,		31 33
" D. A. Vining,		6 00
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		\$1076 45

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Paid E. L. Hastings, services as School Committee,	\$21 00
" Edwin Graves, " " "	29 50
" Roswell Hubbard, bounty paid for crows,	3 50
" Moses Kingsley, mowing burial ground,	1 50
" Geo. W. Hubbard, cash paid A. R. Field, for surveying,	12 00
" Horace Waite, bounty for 3 crows,	37
" Dwight Morton, bounty for 7 crows,	87
" Henry S. Porter, for plank,	59 92
" Horace Waite, for repairing bridges,	14 04
" C. L. Coleman, " "	45 39
" C. L. Coleman, " "	49 00
" W. B. & C. L. Coleman, rep. "	12 00
" George Waite, services as Committee on bridges,	8 00
" Dexter Allis, " " "	12 12

Carried forward, \$269 21

CONTINGENT EXPENSES—CONTINUED.

Amount brought forward,	\$269 21
Paid Calvin B. Marsh, for land damages,	31 00
“ W. H. Dickinson,	26 00
“ Arnold M. Peck, for hearse,	206 00
“ R. Hubbard, cash paid damages assessed to Mrs. Loud, West Farms,	32 00
“ Lemuel Cooley,	2 50
“ Lemuel Cooley, removal of Phileta P. Partridge,	15 50
“ I. R. Jones, painting Town Hall,	4 50
“ Edwin M. Eaton, for services as Assessor,	38 25
“ J. T. Fitch, “ “ “	40 40
“ Edwin Graves, “ “ “	29 17
“ J. T. & Geo. C. Fitch, for lumber,	63 07
“ “ “ “ “ “	31 82
“ “ “ “ “ building School House, Dis- trict No. 5, -	450 00
“ E. N. Sampson, costs of suit, S. P. Billings,	4 28
“ D. F. Wells, for sealing weights and measures,	8 00
“ “ “ “ services as Treasurer,	15 00
“ E. N. Sampson, services as Collector,	42 63
“ W. D. Billings, services as Town Clerk,	26 15
“ John Child, for stone for bridge,	15 00
“ Mrs. Puffer, wife of T. Puffer, in the army,	12 00
“ R. H. Belden, services as School Committee,	12 00
“ Calvin Marsh, over-work on highway,	12 32
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	\$1386 80



Abatement of Taxes,	\$26 11
Discount “	387 36
Paid County Tax,	1245 13
“ State “	357 00

RECAPITULATION.

Receipts into the Treasury, \$5773 48

PAYMENTS BY THE TOWN.

Old Bills,	\$470 19
Poor,	604 00
Schools,	1076 45
Contingencies,	1386 80
County Tax,	1245 13
State Tax,	357 00
Abatement of Taxes,	26 11
Discount “	387 36

\$5553 04

Amount in hands of Treasurer, March 12,

1862, to new account, 61 14

Amount uncollected by E. N. Sampson, 159 30

\$5,773 48

MOSES MORTON, LEMUEL COOLEY, ROSWELL HUBBARD,	}	<i>Selectmen of Hatfield.</i>
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D. F. WELLS, *Treasurer.*

HATFIELD, March 12, 1862.

Report of the School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF HATFIELD.

1861-62.

THE Board of School Committee was organized April 15, 1861, by the choice of E. L. Hastings, Chairman; Edwin Graves, Secretary.

In accordance with the law of this Commonwealth, we submit the following report.

No. 1, HILL DISTRICT.—*Summer Term*.—This school was kept by a person who claimed to have had considerable experience in teaching. She readily gained the good will of her scholars, and as they were all young, she had fair success. The examination passed off tolerably well.

Winter Term—Upper Department.—This school was under the care of the same teacher. With less than half the number of scholars in the summer school, and many of them more advanced. Your Committee think that not as much progress was made as should have been, or as the District had reason to expect. True, the scholars went over ground enough, but there was not that thoroughness, either of *instruction* or *discipline*, that marks the successful teacher.

Lower Department.—This school was taught by one who has been very successful in teaching the younger scholars, and as usual, her school made good progress.

NO. 2, SOUTH CENTER.—The *Summer term* was under the care of a person who enjoys the reputation of being a thorough teacher; and the visits of the Committee, and the examination of the school, fully sustained that reputation.

The *Winter term* opened with a new teacher. The number of scholars was not large. The examination passed off very well, though the scholars seemed to have been specially prepared.

NORTH CENTER.—This school has been under the charge of the same teacher for the last two years. She, in discipline, mild but firm, with the love of the pupils and the respect of their parents, made this school one of the best.

CENTER.—*Winter term.*—This school was taught by the same gentleman that had the charge of it one year ago. He gave good satisfaction then, and he has again proved himself a most *thorough and successful* teacher.

NO. 3, WEST FARMS.—The *Summer term* was taught by a resident of the district and a graduate of the Normal school. She succeeded in infusing her own energy into the minds of her pupils, and we think that we express the minds of all who visited the school, by saying that it was a success.

Winter Term—Lower Department.—This school opened under favorable prospects with a new teacher, but by the time the school was fairly started, sickness and death in her father's family interrupted the school for a few days and the continued illness of another member of the family caused constant anxiety. But notwithstanding this, the examination showed that good progress had been made.

The *Upper Department* was under the charge of a graduate of Amherst College, and one who has the reputation of being a thorough scholar. We believe he gave good satisfaction;

but as he closed his school suddenly and without an examination, we have no means of comparing the progress of this with the school of the previous year.

No. 4, WEST BROOK.—The *Summer term* was taught by the teacher of the previous *Winter term*. Her success was fair, but the examination proved that the pupils had not been as thoroughly drilled as was desirable.

For the *Winter term*, the district secured a Normal teacher of some experience. Perfectly at home in the school-room, she has secured the affections of her pupils, and we think that this school has made good progress in all its studies.

No. 5, PANTRY.—*Summer term*.—This school, under the care of a former teacher, opened in the old, small and inconvenient school-room, but toward the close of the term removed into the new house. Good discipline and thorough instruction were marked features of this school, and it appeared well at all times when visited by the Committee.

The *Winter term* opened with a new and experienced teacher, and by far the largest school in town. Under good discipline and thorough instruction, this school has made as good progress in the various studies as other schools with half the number of scholars.

In conclusion, although retrenchment seems to be a necessary virtue at the present time, we trust that the voters of this town will see that the cause of education does not suffer by neglecting to provide for its support. And we recommend that the same amount as last year be raised for the year to come.

E. L. HASTINGS,	}	SCHOOL COMMITTEE.
EDWIN GRAVES,		
JOHN M. GREENE,		

HATFIELD, March 21, 1862.

The town raised by tax, \$1250,00 for Schools. No. of children between 5 and 15 years of age, 243.

Districts.	School taught by	Length of School in months.		Amount paid.		Whole No. of Scholars.		Average attendance.		No. Sch'rs under 5 years.		No. Sch'rs 15 years and over.	
		Sum.	Win.	Sum.	Win.	Sum.	Win.	Sum.	Win.	Sum.	Win.	Sum.	Win.
No. 1, Hill.	Emma L. Mann.	4	3½	\$96 00	\$98 00	55	24	44	22	2	3		
No. 1, Hill.	Mary C. Billings.		3½		78 25		32		26				
No. 2, So. Center.	Harriet L. Russell.	3	3	66 00		42		34		1	1		
No. 2, " "	Phila. A. Williams.		3				33		30				
No. 2, Upper Dep.	Joseph A. Leach.		3				27		26				
No. 2, No. Center.	Angela F. Cook.	3	3	63 00	62 17	44	27	33	24	1	3		15
No. 3, Farms.	Hattie S. Belden.	3½		70 00		33		31		2			
No. 3, " "	Sarah M. Smith.		2½		54 00		29		26				2
No. 3, Up'r Dept.	John Avery.		2½				20		17				16
No. 4, W. Brook.	Lucretia H. Whitman.	3		48 00		20		15		3		1	
No. 4, " "	Emeline E. Rose.		4		72 00		26		20				5
No. 5, Pantry.	Elvira A. Elwell.	5		117 50		47		37		1		1	
No. 5, " "	Sarah M. Bryant.		4		96 00		56		45				4

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
SELECTMEN
AND
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF HATFIELD,

For the Year ending March 20, 1863.



NORTHAMPTON:
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1863.

THE HISTORY OF THE
CITY OF BOSTON

REPORT.

It becomes our duty at the close of another financial year, to report the transactions of the town for the past year.

The war for the suppression of the rebellion has been continued through the year; and it is well to review the past, and record the part which the town has taken to sustain the government. From the commencement of the war to the present time, our town has been earnest in the cause of the Union, and has nobly responded to the calls of the government for volunteers, and our citizens have come forward, to do their whole duty to their country in the existing crisis, and have enlisted to the number of eighty-one in the military service of the country. We will not attempt to find words, to express the praise that is due to those who have left their homes and friends, to expose themselves to the dangers of the battle-field, and to the hardships of the camp. Those who have died from wounds received in battle, or from sickness, will long be remembered; and their good name, and brave deeds, will be their best eulogy.

At the commencement of the year it was supposed that the rebellion would soon be subdued, and that there would not be any necessity for a further call for soldiers; but subsequent events proved that the strength, and resources of the rebellious states had been underrated. Early in July, the President of the United States issued an order, calling for three hundred thousand volunteers, to serve three years, or during the war. The proportion assigned to Massachusetts was fifteen thousand men. On the 7th of July an order was issued by the Governor of the Commonwealth, giving the proportion of each city and town, based upon the men enrolled in the state liable to do military duty, as shown by the annual returns made by the assessors.

On the eighteenth day of July, a town meeting was called, to consider the subject of raising volunteers, and the expediency of offering a bounty to those who should enlist from the town. At a very full meeting it was voted that the committee chosen May 6, 1861, consisting of Moses Morton, George Wait, Elijah Bardwell,

Erastus Cowles, J. D. Billings, George W. Hubbard and Wm. H. Dickinson, be authorized to borrow a sufficient sum of money to pay a bounty of one hundred dollars to each of those who should enlist to make out the town's proportion, (sixteen men.) An enlistment roll was presented, and sixteen of our citizens came forward and subscribed their names to the roll before the close of the meeting.

On the 4th of August, a call was made by the President for three hundred thousand additional men to serve for nine months, who were to be drafted in accordance with orders from the war department, and the laws of the several states. The number of men which Massachusetts was called upon to furnish, was nineteen thousand and eighty. By an additional order from the war department, the several cities and towns were to have an allowance for all volunteers previously furnished, and mustered into service, whose stipulated term of service should not have expired. A new enrollment of the militia was ordered, and drafting commissioners were appointed to revise the rolls. After a hearing upon applications for exemptions, and the rolls revised, the apportionment was made of the whole quota required of each town from the commencement of the war, and credits were given for those who had been previously mustered into the service. In this town the subject of exemptions being unpopular, those who were really unfit for military duty were left on the militia roll, while in many towns, more attention was given to the business, and certificates of exemption were procured, thus increasing our quota to twenty-four men, in addition to those already in the service, which was supposed to be more than our proportion.

At a meeting of the town held on the 25th of August, the same bounty was offered as on the previous call, and the same committee authorized to borrow money, and pay the bounties. Our quota was promptly filled by the young men of the town, thus obviating the necessity of a draft, and sustaining the reputation of the town for being one of the first to fill its quota.

Another draft was ordered on the 17th of Nov. to make up a deficiency of two thousand men in the state. A final revision of the militia roll was ordered previous to the apportionment of the quotas, and further efforts were made to have our roll corrected, thus making our whole quota seventy-four (seven less than the town had furnished.)

At the last annual meeting the treasurer was authorized to borrow such sums of money as might be necessary to pay the state aid granted to families of volunteers. In conformity with said vote the treasurer has borrowed two thousand dollars, and such aid has been paid to twenty-three families during the year. The whole amount disbursed is eighteen hundred thirty-six dollars and twenty cents, which includes the sums due at the commencement of the year. Twenty-one families are now receiving aid at an expense of about one hundred and ninety dollars a month. The sums paid to families of volunteers will be reimbursed by the state. The notes given by

the war committee, for bounties and other expenses, previous to the 18th of July, have been paid. There is still due forty-one hundred dollars, and interest, for which the committee have given their notes. An act to legalize the doings of towns in aid of the war, has passed both branches of the Legislature, and was approved by the governor Feb. 27, 1863.

In consequence of the great freshet in the spring of the year, the Highways and Bridges were left in a very bad condition, and it required a large expenditure to render them safe for public travel. The culvert at Dewey's Hole was entirely washed away, and we thought that it would be good economy for the town, to have it rebuilt in a more durable manner. Proposals were received for building the culvert and grading the road, and the contract was given to Robert R. Mayers, for two hundred and fifty dollars. Hill Bridge was considerably injured by the freshet, and one of the abutments was undermined, so as to make it necessary to relay a part of it. The timbers of the old bridge were in such a decayed condition, that it was thought unsafe for the public travel, and a new bridge was built as soon as possible, so as not to obstruct the travel longer than necessary. Brook Hollow Bridge fell while a team was crossing, but fortunately no one was very much injured. The other bridges of the town were repaired under the direction of the highway surveyors, without any additional expense to the town, except for timber and plank. The damage to the highway at the south end of Main street was repaired under the superintendence of the surveyor, O. Shumway, at a cost of eighty-four dollars and thirty-six cents, above what was expended from his tax bill.

The expenditures for paupers have been some less than they were last year. Calvin Morton died on the 25th of May. By the death of Silas Bardwell, his contract with the town for the support of Oliver Bardwell for seventy-five dollars per year, terminated. Consequently we have paid the bill of one hundred dollars, to the Insane Asylum at Brattleboro, but the town will eventually receive about seventy-five dollars from the estate of Mr. Bardwell. There will be due on the 1st of April, a bill for the support of Sarah Morton, which will be paid by her guardian, G. W. Hubbard. There will be a bill from Dr. Harwood for attendance on Calvin Morton, and also one for wood for District No. 1; besides these there will be a bill for printing this Report, and also the selectmen's bills for services, which will be presented to the town at the annual meeting. All the other bills against the town, that have come to our knowledge have been paid.

EXPENDITURES.

OLD BILLS.

Paid John T. & Geo. C. Fitch for lumber,	\$14 99
Elijah N. Sampson, taking F. Abbott to hospital,	1 50
Elijah Bardwell, repairing town hall,	17 00
A. M. Peck, services rendered,	3 00
Maria Conkey, abatement of taxes,	85
Herrick Anderson, keeping paupers,	189 63
Geo. W. Hubbard, defending suit in Barre case,	128 74
“ Moore’s mill case,	5 60
Dr. Myron Harwood, attendance on paupers,	9 65
John E. Doane, services as constable,	2 25
D. A. Vining, for School Dist. No. 4,	82 25
C. P. Bardwell, for School Dist. No. 5,	129 81
Moses Morton, services as selectman,	40 50
Roswell Hubbard, services as selectman and money paid,	34 63
Lemuel Cooley, services as selectman,	13 25
Insane Asylum, support of Sarah Morton,	74 98
“ “ F. Abbott,	49 96
C. P. Bardwell, overwork on highways,	10 00
Delano & Turner, council fee in Barre case,	30 00
Forbes & Spaulding, “	165 43
Dr. C. N. Chamberlain, medical attendance on Phileta Partridge,	24 68
Lemuel A. Wait, overwork on highways,	16 93
Edwin Graves, services as school committee,	25 00
“ cash paid for charts,	4 56
Rev. J. M. Green, services as school committee,	21 00
Dr. A. Montville, medical attendance for Norman Potter and Selah Wheeler,	45 00
School committee for books,	19 40
O. Marsh, keeping transient paupers,	2 25
H. S. Porter, for services as elector,	15 00
E. L. Hastings, for services as school committee,	24 00
Trumbull & Gere, for printing selectmen’s report,	8 00
Roswell Hubbard, for Jack Wheeler,	78 00
Elisha Wells, bounty for crows,	25
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	\$1,288 09

PAUPERS.

Paid H Anderson for support of Calvin Morton,	\$11 88
“ “ Theodore Wells,	65 38
“ “ Sarah Green,	101 50
“ “ Ann Dickinson,	74 24

Amount carried forward,

\$253 00

Amount brought forward,	\$253 00
Paid H. Anderson for extra care of paupers when sick,	10 00
R. H. Belden, funeral expenses of C. Morton,	7 00
Insane Asylum for support of F. Abbott,	147 37
“ “ Sarah Morton,	78 15
O. Marsh, keeping transient paupers,	2 25
Wm. H. Dickinson, clothing for Wm. Wells,	8 37
Dr. A. Montville, medical attendance for Selah Wheeler,	26 50
Insane Asylum, Brattleboro, for Oliver Bardwell,	100 00
D. F. Wells, clothing for Wm. Wells,	4 05
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	\$636 69

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid R. R. Mayers, building culvert at Dewey's Hole,	\$250 00
Bradford Smith, for laying abutments at Hill Bridge,	25 25
Patrick Mallony, for labor “ “	14 00
J. T. & Geo. C. Fitch for lumber and stone “	110 63
“ for lumber for bridges,	33 00
W. Herrick, for bolts and washers,	24 59
L. B. Field for labor on Hill Bridge,	33 50
“ “ Brook Hollow Bridge,	8 67
James Ryan, for earth,	10 00
O. Shumway, for cash paid repairing road at south end of Main street,	84 36
R. H. Belden, services as bridge committee & cash paid	12 00
W. H. Dickinson, “ “	14 17
John T. Fitch, “	6 50
N. Abells, for drawing bolts,	75
D. F. Wells, for nails	45
S. P. Billings, for lumber and drawing stone,	23 79
Wm. H. Dickinson, plank and lumber,	30 73
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	\$682 39

Special appropriation.

Paid Harvey Moore, as per vote of town,	50 00
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SCHOOLS.

District No. 1.

Paid Emma Rose for services as Teacher,	\$59 99
Martha Gardner “	48 00
Lucy S. Cooley “	40 00
Solomon Graves for boarding teacher,	32 00
H. S. Porter for boarding teachers,	80 00
J. T. & Geo. C. Fitch for wood,	16 00
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	\$275 99

District No. 2.

Paid Fanny Graves for services as teacher and board,	\$135 00
Mary A. Cooley, for services as teacher,	33 00
Sarah M. Smith, " "	41 75
Walter M. Howland, " "	75 00
David F. Wells, for boarding teacher,	36 00
Mrs. Laura Bliss, " "	27 00
L. S. Bliss, " "	33 75
" for money paid for sawing wood,	9 75
J. T. & Geo. C. Fitch, for wood,	36 00

 \$426 75

District No. 3.

Paid Sarah M. Smith, for services as teacher,	\$30 00
Sarah M. Hall, " "	30 00
DeWitt S. Clark, " "	13 86
R. H. Belden, for boarding teacher,	24 00
H. W. Field, for boarding teachers,	54 00
John W. Field, for wood,	27 29

 \$179 15

District No. 4.

Paid Annetta Crafts, for services as teacher,	24 00
Emma Rose, " "	56 00
E. C. Anderson, for boarding teacher,	18 00
Jerome W. King, " "	24 50
H. Anderson, for wood,	6 07

 128 57

District No. 5.

Paid Fidelia A. Bryant, for services as teacher,	\$17 50
E. N. Billings, " "	42 00
Ellen M. Frary, " "	51 25
P. L. Strong, for boarding teachers,	82 94
" wood,	20 00

 \$213 69

 INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid G. W. Hubbard, committee on Allis case,	\$9 00
" services in Barre case,	3 00
J. E. Doane for services as constable,	2 25
C. S. Jones for repairs on Town Hall,	4 78
Metcalf & Co. for printing military notices,	2 50

 Amount carried forward, \$21 53

Amount brought forward,	\$21 53
Paid H. S. Porter for services as elector,	12 00
S. G. Hubbard for services as assessor,	35 50
H. W. Field “	23 07
Caleb Dickinson “	34 50
Wm. D. Billings for services as town clerk,	24 45
E. N. Sampson for services as collector and constable,	48 13
David F. Wells for services as treasurer,	15 00
For burying ground fence,	22 96
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	\$237 14

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Holyoke Bank note,	503 37
Savings Bank note,	309 00
“ interest,	30 00
D. F. Wells for cash paid for interest,	5 65
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	\$848 02

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid P. L. Strong,	\$2 00
Patrick Boyle,	97
Volunteers, as per vote of the town,	89 36
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	\$92 33

STATE AID ADVANCED TO FAMILIES OF VOLUNTEERS.

Paid Mrs. Thomas Puffer,	\$210 40
Lorenzo L. Hawkins,	205 34
Alpheus Hathaway,	124 39
Henry Hitchcock,	20 42
Anthony Bolack,	183 20
Edwin Graves,	78 00
Lysander Chaffin,	27 99
Charles P. Wait,	51 69
John W. Field,	55 98
Emerson L. Covill,	78 00
Calvin N. Covill,	78 00
J. E. King,	55 98
John H. Vining,	55 98
Oliver S. Vining,	78 00
David B. Curtis,	55 98
Lorenz Seitz,	78 00

Amount carried forward, \$1,437 35

Amount brought forward,	\$1,437 35
Paid Mrs. Oliver Warner,	78 00
Ebenezer C. Anderson,	55 60
F. B. Bennet,	24 22
Alonzo Dennis,	164 60
Lewis Covill,	27 99
John Beck's son,	24 22
L. J. Bristol's son,	24 22
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	\$1,836 20

LIQUOR AGENCY.

1862	I. G. Dickinson, Agent,	
March 24	For balance due,	\$3 90
	stock on hand,	33 41
	cash paid for stock and freight,	57 53
	“ license,	20 00
	salary,	31 00
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		\$145 84
1863.	CONTRA, CR.	
March 20	By cash received for sales,	\$110 77
	stock on hand,	3 00
	cash received to balance account,	32 07
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		\$145 84

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

Amount of taxes assessed,	\$7,968 63
Balance in hands of treasurer, March 12, 1862,	61 14
Treasurer's note to Savings Bank,	2,000 00
Collector of Taxes for 1861,	158 50
School Fund,	49 33
State Treasurer, reimbursement of State Aid for 1861,	154 55
Town of Barre, expense of pauper,	334 49
Geo. W. Hubbard, guardian of Sarah Morton,	153 13
A. M. Peck, for old hearse,	6 25
H. P. Billings, error in settlement with treasurer 1861,	7 66
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	\$10,893 68
Outstanding orders,	75 00
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	\$10,968 68

DISBURSEMENTS.

Old Bills,	\$1,288 09
Paupers,	636 69
Roads and Bridges,	682 39
Special Appropriation,	50 00
Schools,	1,224 15
Incidental Expenses,	237 14
Notes and Interest,	863 52
Abatement of Taxes,	92 33
Liquor Agency	32 07
State Tax,	2,142 00
County Tax,	1,245 13
State Aid,	1,836 20

\$10,329 71

Cash in treasurer's hands to new account,	275 78
Amount uncollected by E. N. Sampson,	363 19

638 97

\$10,968 68

	WM. H. DICKINSON,	} Selectmen of Hatfield.
	R. H. BELDEN,	
D. F. WELLS, Treasurer.	J. T. FITCH,	
March 20, 1863.		

VOLUNTEERS FROM HATFIELD.

SECOND REGIMENT.

Edward G. Hoyt.

TENTH REGIMENT.

Jonathan D. Warner,	Judson H. Harris,
James H. Abbott,	Charles L. Bardwell, discharged,
Dwight Morton, discharged,	

FIFTEENTH REGIMENT,

Peter Cartier, discharged.

TWENTY-FIRST REGIMENT,

Michael Hennesy,	Thomas Puffer, discharged,
Elbridge G. Clifford, died from	Lorenzo L. Hawkins,
wounds received in battle,	Davis,

TWENTY-FIFTH REGIMENT.

Joseph Billings, discharged,	Edward C. Cowles.
Henry Bardwell,	

TWENTY-SEVENTH REGIMENT.

Richard Abbott,	Corden Sweet, discharged,
Lyman Abbott,	Dwight Strong, discharged,
Henry Hitchcock,	Thomas Frary, Jr.,
Fred Klistner,	Alden T. Moore,
James C. Halloran,	John Richards.

THIRTY-FIRST REGIMENT.

Alonzo Dennis, died,	Obadiah H. Smith, discharged,
Anthony Bolack,	Alpheus Hathaway.
Wells Clark,	

THIRTY-SECOND REGIMENT.

Dwight D. Graves,	Wm. R. Waite,
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THIRTY-SEVENTH REGIMENT.

Lysander Chaffin,	John H. Vining,
Edwin Graves,	David B. Curtis,
Charles P. Waite, died,	Oliver S. Vining,
John W. Field,	Oliver Warner,
Emerson L. Covill,	Wm. H. Fuller,
Calvin N. Covill,	Lorenz Seitz,
Elihu Covill,	Fred. A. Farley,
J. E. King,	Henry Field,
Charles E. Hubbard,	Henry Doane,

FIFTY-SECOND REGIMENT.

H. P. Billings,	Fernando B. Bennet,
John E. Doane,	John Beck,
Jerry Brown,	George Chandler,
Charles K. Morton,	Ebenezer C. Anderson,
Lucius Field,	Josiah L. Morton,
Daniel W. Wells,	Augustus D. Cowles,
Alvin L. Strong,	Caleb D. Bardwell,
John E. Wait,	Dwight G. Abells,
Whitney Cooley,	Myron D. Cooley,
Henry A. Dickinson,	Henry Anderson,
Alvin D. Dinsmore,	Geo. D. Marsh,
Lambert J. Bristol,	Seth Kingsley,
Alonzo Hallett,	

REGULAR ARMY.

George W. Bliss, discharged.

FIRST REGT. MASS. CAVALRY.

Wm. Baldwin.

VERMONT REGIMENT.

Philetus Averill,	Ebenezer White,
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FIRST CONN. BATTERY.

Lewis Sikes.

Charles L. Babcock, regiment not known.

Report of the School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF HATFIELD,

1862--63.

THE Board of School Committee was organized April 15, 1862, by the choice of EDWIN GRAVES, Chairman; and OSCAR BELDEN, Secretary. In the fall Mr. Graves' absence from town caused a vacancy in the board, and as the law directs, the boards of Selectmen and School Committee met Nov. 25, 1862, and elected R. H. BELDEN to fill the vacancy.

By statute law, "the School Committee shall annually make a detailed report of the condition of the several public schools, which report shall contain such statements, and suggestions in relation to the schools as the Committee deem necessary or proper to promote the interests thereof."

The condition of the schools in town the past year, as compared with former years, has been favorable. They have generally been prosperous, some have given satisfaction in all respects, others have done tolerably well.

There are many causes which prevent our schools from attaining that degree of excellence which is desired; among which, perhaps, the most prominent is the lack of hearty co-operation on the part of the parents and guardians with the teachers. Teachers should be encouraged and supported in a proper yet thorough discipline of the schools. Parents and guardians should visit the schools. They should make an effort to prevent absence and tardiness on the part of the scholars. The habits of punctuality and regularity are as indispensable to our success in life as the knowledge obtained from school books.

Most of the winter schools have been interrupted by diseases which have been prevalent in town. On this account Pantry, West Brook, and the North Center schools, had no examinations. Therefore we cannot judge so well of their final success.

By vote of the town, one hundred dollars of the school money raised, was put into the hands of the School Committee, to be used at their discretion for equalizing the length of the schools. This with forty-one dollars of state money, has been distributed as follows: West Brook received thirty one dollars and thirty-three cents. The rest was divided equally among the five winter schools in the street and farms; all of which were short of money to carry them out the common length of a twelve weeks term. In making out this division we found the amount which each district would have to expend on one term of school (each scholar drawing four dollars and twenty-two cents and seven mills). Pantry would have \$118 35 to spend on each one of its schools, Hill \$100 03, Center \$76 86, West Brook, \$48 61, West Farms \$45 08.

It will be seen at once that Pantry and the Hill had an abundance of money for their schools, while the other districts were short.

We recommend that the same amount of school money be raised this year as last. The number of scholars in town this year is two hundred and seventy-two, last year two hundred and forty-three, the year before two hundred and thirty. The following is a report of the condition of the several public schools:—

HILL DISTRICT—Summer Term—This school was in charge of Miss Emeline E. Rose, a teacher of experience and good qualifications. Her school always appeared well and made good progress. Winter term, upper department.—This school was taught by Miss Martha Gardner. It always appeared well when visited by the Committee. Lower department was in charge of Miss Lucy S. Cooley. The school in many of its features was commendable. The scholars seemed to be enthusiastic and had their lessons well learned.

SOUTH CENTER—Both terms of this school have been in charge of Miss Fanny Graves, a teacher of experience and good qualifications. She has met with her usual good success.

NORTH CENTER.—Summer term—This school opened with a new teacher, Miss Mary A. Cooley. It being her first term, she had not the experience needed to make her school a perfect success. Winter Term—Miss Sarah M. Smith had charge of this school. The good order maintained, the energy of the teacher, and ambition of the scholars can but meet the approval of all.

CENTER—Winter term—This school, under the instruction of Mr. W. M. Howland, made good progress. The teacher labored earnestly and judiciously for its success.

WEST FARMS—Summer Term—Miss Sarah M. Smith taught this school. Her whole heart was in the work—she gained the affection of her scholars and inspired them with enthusiasm in their studies. Winter term, upper department.—This school, in charge of Mr. DeWitt S. Clark, was well managed and prosperous. Lower department.—This school, a few years ago one of the largest in town, but now the smallest except one, was in charge of Miss Sarah M. Hall. It was hardly up to the standard of excellence desired.

WEST BROOK.—The summer term was taught by Miss Annette A. Crafts. The school was small and the teacher did not seem to awaken in the scholars that interest and enthusiasm which we like to see. Winter term—This school, in care of Miss Emeline E. Rose, has been thoroughly and practically drilled, and the district are under great obligations to the teacher for her earnest and faithful labors.

PANTRY.—Summer term—This school was under the instruction of two teachers, Miss Fidelia A. Bryant and Miss Nettie E. Billings. Miss Bryant taught but four weeks. She had the reputation of being a good teacher. But when she began this school she had not recovered from the weariness and exhaustion of previous teaching. Her success not being what the Committee had hoped, it seemed best that she should not continue the school. Miss Nettie E. Billings then took charge of it. She showed herself to be a teacher of superior qualifications. Winter term—This school under the care of Miss Ellen M. Frary in some respects has done well.

J. M. GREENE,	} School Committee
R. H. BELDEN,	
OSCAR BELDEN,	
	of
	Hatfield.

HATFIELD, March 14, 1863.

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

Selectmen and School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF HATFIELD,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 23, 1864.



NORTHAMPTON:
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1864.

Report of the Selectmen.

The following shows the results of another financial year :—

Although the war has continued, our peaceful vocations have been prosperous and undisturbed except by the frequent calls for more men for our country's service, which have caused some trembling of heart, and weakness of limbs ; but a supply of " Greenbacks " liberally furnished by our citizens, the *kindness* of substitute *brokers*, and the noble patriotism and unshaken faith in our Government and in the ultimate success of our arms, which have led some of our soldiers to re-enlist, have brought relief so that we are now able to report all our assigned quotas filled, with a surplus of eleven men, to be credited on the call of the President, made the 14th instant.

Although the disbursements of the town have been very much increased, there is still a balance in the treasury after paying the liabilities of the town. The system adopted by the town of raising a sufficient sum of money to pay the current expenses of the year, instead of creating a debt to be paid at some future time, is commendable. All the notes of the town have been paid, with the exception of those given by the Treasurer, (amounting to three thousand dollars,) to pay the families of volunteers ; which sums will be reimbursed by the state.

Twenty-five families have received State Aid during the year, which has been paid to them monthly, amounting to twenty-three hundred and eighty nine dollars and forty cents.

As most of the bridges of the town were in good repair, having been recently built, the expenses for rebuilding and for repairs have been less than previous years,—Cow Bridge being the only one we thought it necessary to rebuild.

The expenditures for paupers have been increased, in consequence of Asa Wells, and the family of Almeron Smith becoming a charge to the town, and also by the advance in the price of board and clothing.

Application was made to us on the 22d of Sept. last, by Mrs. Ann Smith, wife of Almeron Smith, for assistance for herself and family, which was granted. Mr. Smith having a legal settlement in the town of Whately, the Overseers of the Poor of that town were notified, in accordance with law, to remove Mrs. Ann Smith and child, or otherwise provide for their support. In reply they denied their settlement, and refused to remove or provide for them. A town meeting was called to see what action the town would take in relation thereto, and it was voted unanimously to make the Selectmen a committee to commence a suit against the town of Whately for their support, and in accordance with that vote a writ has been served on that town, but a trial cannot be had earlier than the June term of the court.

The Liquor Agent will make his report to the town at the annual meeting.

There will be a bill for printing this report, and to the Selectmen for services, which will be presented to the town at the annual meeting. All the other bills against the town that have come to our knowledge have been paid.

EXPENDITURES.

Old Bills.

Paid H. S. Porter for wood for District No. 1,	13 87
" A. M. Peck, overwork on highway,	10 26
" C. D. Bartlett, " " "	4 92
" Frederick Carl, labor on Hill Bridge,	1 50
" Dr. Myron Harwood, med. attendance on paupers,	17 67
" Rev. J. M. Green, services as school committee,	21 00
" Edwin Graves, " " "	6 75
" Oscar Belden, " " "	19 00
" R. H. Belden, " " "	8 00
" Trumbull & Gere, printing Selectmen's Report,	20 00
" R. H. Belden, Cash paid by Selectmen for volunteers and exemptions, as by vote of town,	26 50
" Wm. H. Dickinson, services as Selectman, and cash paid,	46 86
" R. H. Belden, services as Selectman, and cash paid,	24 00
" John T. Fitch, " " " "	16 62
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	\$236 95

Paupers.

Paid Insane Asylum for support of Sarah Morton,	93 97
" " " " Francis Abbott,	172 57
" " " Brattleboro, for support of Oliver Bardwell,	100 00
" Dr. Alfred Montville, med. attendance on paupers,	76 50
" Dr Myron Harwood " " "	10 50
" Overseers of the poor of Boston for the support of Lydia Potter,	13 00
" O. Marsh for keeping transient paupers,	4 50
" D. F. Wells & Brother for goods furnished Ann Smith,	41 50
" " " " clothing " paupers,	14 55
" S. G. Hubbard for wood furnished Ann Smith,	11 50
" John T. & George C. Fitch for wood furnished Hosea Wheeler,	6 63
" Wm. H. Dickinson, clothing furnished Ann Smith, and Wm. Wells,	14 15
" R. H. Belden expenses removing Asa Wells, and bill paid to town of Cheshire,	19 37
" R. H. Belden, clothing for Theodore and Asa Wells,	20 35
" H. Anderson for support of Ann Dickinson,	91 00
" " " " Theodore Wells,	78 00
" " " " Asa Wells,	58 71
" " " " Sarah Green,	104 00
" " " clothing for paupers,	9 41
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	\$940 21

SCHOOLS.

District No. 1.

Paid Lydia Hitchcock for services as teacher,	45 50
“ Maria E. Ayers “ “ “	74 50
“ H. Augusta Cook, “ “	54 25
“ Myra Warner, “ “	47 00
“ Charles S. Boynton, boarding teachers,	111 00
“ E. N. Sampson, “ “	15 00
“ John T. & Geo. C. Fitch for wood,	16 92
	<hr/> \$364 17

District No. 2.

Paid Sarah M. Smith for services as teacher,	78 00
“ Sarah Clapp “ “ “	78 00
“ C. M. Billings, Jr. “ “	117 50
“ L. S. Bliss for boarding teacher,	62 00
“ Dwight P. Morton for boarding teacher,	62 00
“ J. T. & G. C. Fitch for wood,	27 00
“ Joseph Richards for sawing wood,	6 50
	<hr/> \$431 00

District No. 3.

Paid Laura A. Field for services as teacher,	61 50
“ George C. Merrill “ “	37 60
“ Franklin Field, for boarding teacher,	28 00
“ S. D. Bartlett “ “	24 00
“ “ “ “ for wood,	21 40
	<hr/> \$172 50

District No. 4.

Paid Sarah Orcutt for services as teacher,	16 00
“ Emma E. Rose, “ “	58 50
“ H. Anderson for boarding teacher,	14 00
“ “ “ “ wood furnished,	7 71
“ Jerome W. King for boarding teacher,	26 00
	<hr/> \$122 21

District No. 5.

Paid Martha M. Lyman for teaching,	109 25
“ Mattie Gould, “ “	9 00
“ Henry Dwight for boarding teacher,	77 50
“ Ziba Bolter for wood,	19 75
	<hr/> \$215 50

State Aid.

Paid Mrs. Lorenzo L. Hawkins,	120 00
" " Alpheus Hathaway,	104 54
" " Emerson L. Covill,	144 00
" " Calvin N. Covill,	144 00
" " Lewis Covill,	52 27
" " Oliver S. Vining,	144 00
" " John H. Vining,	104 54
" " David B. Curtis,	104 54
" " Lysander Chaffin,	52 27
" " J. E. King,	104 54
" " Edwin Graves,	144 00
" " John W. Field,	104 54
" " Lorenz Seitz,	144 00
" " Anthony Bolack,	144 00
" " Oliver Warner,	144 00
" Eddie Bristol,	23 86
" George Beck,	23 86
" Mrs. Ebenezer Anderson,	144 00
" " F. B. Bennett,	52 27
" " Henry Hitchcock,	43 72
" " Charles P. Wait,	101 06
" " Alonzo Dennis,	140 00
" Thomas Puffer,	7 45
" Thomas Dinsmore,	45 98
" Wm. J. Babcock & Wife,	51 96
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	\$2389 40

Incidental Expenses.

Paid Wm. B. Coleman for scraper furnished,	7 00
" Wm. D. Billings for assessing taxes and cash paid,	37 71
" " " " for services as Town Clerk	
and cash paid,	24 03
" George Wait for services as Assessor and cash paid,	32 50
" Samuel P. Billings " " " " "	27 00
" C. N. Coleman for labor on Cow Bridge,	38 50
" A. M. Peck, recording deaths,	4 40
" O. C. Shumway for overwork on highway,	9 78
" John T. & George C. Fitch for Timber and Plank,	131 98
" E. N. Sampson for services as Collector and Constable,	61 87
" Charles D. Bartlett for overwork on highway,	33 45
" George W. Hubbard, going to Northampton twice,	3 50
" O. C. Shumway for Liquor furnished the town,	43 82
" D. F. Wells for services as Treasurer,	25 00
" Henry S. Porter for services as Elector,	12 00
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	\$492 54

Notes and Interest.

Paid Louisa Chenery War Committee's note,	1696 00	
" Edwin Morton, Town note,	1000 00	
" Sophia Smith, War Committee's note,	2811 17	
" D. F. Wells, cash paid for Interest,	164 25	
		<hr/> \$5671 42

RECAPITULATION.

Receipts.

Amount of taxes assessed,	11,661 64
Balance in hands of Treasurer, March 20, 1863,	275 78
Collector of Taxes for 1862,	363 19
School Fund,	55 76
State Treasurer, reimbursement of State Aid for 1862,	1291 00
Treasurer's note to Edwin Morton,	1000 00
" " Nelson Clapp,	1000 00
George W. Hubbard, guardian of Sarah Morton,	93 97
Dog Tax,	4 00
State Treasurer, reimbursement of bounties,	4100 00
	<hr/> \$19,845 34

Disbursements.

Old Bills,	236 95
Paupers,	940 21
Schools,	1305 38
Incidental Expenses,	492 54
Notes and Interest,	5671 42
Abatement of Taxes,	93 14
Outstanding order of last year,	75 00
State Tax,	2856 00
County Tax,	1131 94
State Aid,	2389 40
State Treasurer, tax for bounties,	4068 18
	<hr/> \$19,260 16
Cash in Treasurer's hands to new account,	267 70
Amount uncollected by E. N. Sampson,	317 48
	<hr/> 585 18
	<hr/> \$19,845 34

WM. H. DICKINSON, } *Selectmen*
JOHN T. FITCH, } *of*
REUBEN H. BELDEN, } *Hatfield.*

D. F. WELLS, *Treasurer.*

March 23, 1864.

Report of the School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF HATFIELD,

For the Year 1863 -- 64.

In making a report of the condition of the schools of the town during the past year, your Committee are happy to be able to say that in no year of their acquaintance with the schools have the efforts of the scholars been crowned with so great success. There have been manifested an energy in the pupils and a thirst for knowledge, the absence of which has sometimes made the expenditures of the town almost useless. It is no small part of education to arouse the mind of the pupil. Once awakened, it will press on, almost alone, in the pursuit of the desired object. The *mind* asleep can do no more than the *body* asleep. Some of our scholars attend school only enough to be put upon the track of knowledge, and we have felt that they should be aroused to do for themselves, what, under more favorable circumstances, the teacher would in part do for them. While the other branches of study have not been neglected, we have labored especially to improve the scholars in reading and spelling. To read well is a great accomplishment. It requires a perfect mastery of the organs of speech, a grasping of the thought, and a perception and realization of the various kinds of emotion or shades of feeling in the author. If one can do this in his *reading* lesson, he can in any other. And we have observed that the way in which a pupil reads is a pretty sure index of his general scholarship. So that we have felt that to make the schol-

ars good readers, was the fastest and surest way to render them proficient in all their studies. We have had great satisfaction in noting the progress which the pupils in general have made the past year in this department. And we think that parents might do much in the education of their children. If they would accustom them to read often in the family some interesting and instructive passages, being sure that they get the sense of what they read and so express it as to convey it clearly to the minds of others. Be sure, too, that they read with *energy*. Not too fast nor too loud, but as if they were awake and their whole soul was in it.

We feel it to be our duty to say to the town that we fear that we are not doing justice to the children in the facilities which we afford them for education. We are not doing so much as the towns about us for the education of the young. We owe it to our children to fit them well to discharge the duties of citizens which will so soon come upon them. It would not require a great sum of money to keep a school for our larger scholars in operation six months in the year. No new school-house would be needed. The one which we have is not beyond the reach of all the larger scholars in town. The effort of such a school upon the next generation would be good beyond estimation. Such a school would enable our children to get an earlier start in their studies and be better qualified to go abroad to attend a higher school or seminary. And what is of the greatest importance, they would be under the parents' care during just those years when so many of the young away from home are tempted, led astray, and ruined.

We would say a word about the *number* of scholars in the schools. The labor of the teacher is sometimes nearly thrown away by having more pupils under her charge than she can pervade with her presence and spirit. Small children, especially, learn only as they come into personal contact with the teacher. The teacher is the lodestone, the pupils the steel. The teacher needs to know the temperament, the disposition, the habits of each pupil, in order to do them much good. The mechanic cannot file his saw by some *general* work on it, but he must take hold of each tooth repeatedly and shape and sharpen it. So it is not *general* instruction that develops and shapes the mind of the pupil, not *individual* instruction, that which is suited to the exact case of each pupil. But in order to do this the teacher needs a small number of pupils. In our best schools in the state, twenty is the number of scholars as-

signed to one teacher. Some of our schools have suffered the past year because they were too large. It is our opinion that the Pantry District should have two schools, at least in the Winter.

The one hundred dollars raised by the town and put into the hands of the Committee for equalizing the length of the schools, were appropriated in equal sums to five schools, one at West Brook, two at West Farms, and two in the center.

HILL DISTRICT. The number of scholars in this district is so large that it has been necessary to have two schools, both Summer and Winter. The larger scholars during the Summer were under the instruction of Miss E. M. Ayers, and during the Winter, of Miss H. A. Cook. They were both good teachers. In addition to the Summer term of sixteen weeks, Miss Ayers taught an Autumn school in this district of seven weeks. The smaller scholars were under the instruction during the Summer of Miss Lydia Hitchcock, and during the Winter of Miss Myra Warner. We are unable to speak of the progress of this school in the Summer, as no one of the Committee visited it at or near the examination. But we are happy to say that in the Winter, though we had our fears at the beginning, yet, after the first few weeks it appeared remarkably well. We think no school in the town made greater *progress* during the term, than this.

SOUTH CENTER. This school has been during both terms under the instruction of Miss Sarah E. Clapp. There has not been that thoroughness in the instruction, nor that awakening of interest in the scholars, which are necessary to a teacher's success.

NORTH CENTER. Miss Sarah M. Smith has taught this school during both terms, with her usual good success. The scholars loved their school and made much proficiency under the thorough, energetic, and kind hand of their teacher.

CENTER. Charles M. Billings, A. B., one of our own young men, has taught this school during its one term, the Winter. We have been happy to observe with what willingness of purpose and patient and persevering effort the teacher has sought the good of his pupils, and what interest the pupils on their part have manifested in their school. The only regret which we had at the close was, that, after a short vacation, the scholars

could not commence at the point to which the teacher had brought them and proceed another term.

WEST FARMS. Miss Laura A. Field taught this school entire in the Summer, and the division of the smaller scholars in the Winter, with eminent success.

A few of the larger scholars were, during the Winter term, under the instruction of Mr. George C. Merrill, of Amherst College. He lacked experience as a teacher, and some other qualifications which perhaps age may give him.

WEST BROOK. The Summer school in this district was opened by Miss Sarah A. Orcutt. It continued but eight weeks, and that with some interruption, and was discontinued on account of sickness in the family of the teacher. We are unable to express any opinion as to the success of the school this term, as it was visited only once by the Committee, and it closed without an examination.

During the Winter, Miss Emeline E. Rose taught this school with great thoroughness and marked success. We were much pleased with the examination by topics. The government of the school was unconstrained, yet perfect. The whole mind and heart of each scholar seemed to be engrossed with their studies. Miss Rose during the three terms that she has taught here, has done a great work for this district.

PANTRY. This school has been too large for any one teacher to govern and instruct. Miss Mattie M. Lyman has taught it both summer and winter. She did more than we should suppose it possible with so many. She has rare qualifications as a teacher. During the last three weeks of the Winter term she was assisted by Miss Mattie Gould. We have recommended in another place in this report that this school be divided, at least in the Winter.

JOHN M. GREEN,	}	COMMITTEE.
REUBEN H. BELDEN,		
OSCAR BELDEN,		

REPORTS

OF THE

Selectmen and School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF HATFIELD.

For the Year 1864-65.



NORTHAMPTON:
TRUMBULL & GERE.....PRINTERS.
1865.



Report of the Selectmen.

In accordance with the duties devolving upon us, we submit our Report to the Town for the past year.

The expenses of the town have been very large, in consequence of the continuance of the war, and the financial state of the country ; but we are happy to be able to report a balance in favor of the Treasury, of seventeen hundred and forty-three dollars and ninety-nine cents, from the appropriations made at the annual meeting. In addition to this there is six hundred and thirty-five dollars and sixty-four cents in the Treasurer's hands to pay State Aid. There are outstanding notes of the town, given by the Treasurer to pay State Aid to families of volunteers, to the amount of three thousand dollars, which will be reimbursed by the State.

At a town meeting called for the purpose, the Treasurer was authorized to borrow money to pay bounties to volunteers, and in accordance with that vote, he borrowed twenty-eight hundred and seventy-five dollars. Five hundred of said sum is still deposited with the State Treasurer to pay for recruits obtained by the State. By a recent vote of Congress, the states are not credited for men procured in the rebel states, consequently the money will not be used, and it can be drawn from the State Treasury and applied on the town notes, thus reducing the debts of the town, to twenty-three hundred and seventy-five dollars. This money with what has been contributed by individuals has enabled us to fill the quotas of the town.

During the year, twenty-five families have received monthly payments of State Aid, amounting to twenty hundred and ten dollars and ninety-seven cents.

The expenditures for paupers have been about the same as for the previous year. The town has paid the bills to the Insane Asylum, for the support of Mrs. Orcutt, but there will probably be received from her estate, a sum sufficient to pay the expenses for the present year.

The suit which was commenced against the town of Whately previous to our last report, for the support of the family of Almeron Smith has been settled. The town of Whately paying the expenses incurred, and providing for them.

On the eighth day of February application was made to the town for aid for John Mahar, and the expense for his support is now being paid by the town. He is without settlement in the state, but the town will have to provide for him until he is able to be moved to the State Alms House.

There will be bills due on the first of April for board of Philena A. Orcutt and Francis Abbott for the last six months; also for printing this report, and to the Selectmen for services.

The report of the Liquor Agent will be presented to the town at the annual meeting.

EXPENDITURES.

OLD BILLS.

Paid Oscar Belden, for services as School Committee,	\$22 00
Rev. John M. Greene, " " "	25 75
John Hastings, obtaining deposition of Samuel Partridge,	5 00
Charles D. Bartlett, overwork on highways,	3 76
Trumbull & Gere, printing Selectmen's and School Committee's reports,	20 00
John T. Fitch, for services as Selectman,	26 00
R. H. Belden, " "	33 00
Wm. H. Dickinson " "	89 50
Wm. H. Dickinson, for cash paid for town,	19 43
R. H. Belden, for services as School Committee,	24 00
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	\$268 44

PAUPERS.

Paid Insane Asylum for support of Philena E. Orcutt,	\$143 96
“ “ “ Francis F. Abbott,	82 93
“ “ Brattleboro for support of Oliver Bardwell,	120 00
O. Marsh for keeping transient paupers,	18 00
H. Anderson for support of Ann Dickinson,	104 00
“ “ Sarah Green,	138 86
“ “ Theodore Wells,	104 00
“ “ Asa Wells,	104 00
“ “ Rolla Wells,	25 00
Dr. Alfred Montville, Med. att'ce for Johanna Branikin,	6 00
“ “ “ Hosea Wheeler,	14 00
“ “ “ Seelah Wheeler,	42 75
Wm. Allen, Jr., council in the case of Mrs. Ann Smith,	10 00
Patrick Russell, rent of house for “ “	24 00
David F. Wells & Brother for goods furnished Ann Smith,	58 00
David F. Wells & Brother for goods furnished Wm. Wells,	8 38
J. T. & G. C. Fitch for wood furnished John Mahar,	12 00
R. H. Belden, for cash paid for paupers,	41 49
Wm. H. Dickinson, for cash paid for paupers,	53 30
Thomas Cutter, keeping pauper,	1 50
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	\$1,112 17

SCHOOLS.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Paid Lottie Graves, for services as teacher,	\$63 00
Myra Warner, “ “	96 75
Wm. Coleman, for boarding teacher,	90 00
Lewis S. Dyer, for wood furnished,	32 00
J. S. Graves, for boarding teachers,	80 50
John T. & Geo. C. Fitch, for wood,	6 50
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	\$368 75

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Paid Laura A. Field, for services as teacher,	\$80 00
Alice J. Hurd, " "	75 00
C. M. Billings, jr., " "	158 25
Wm. Daugherty, for boarding teacher,	81 50
J. T. & Geo. C. Fitch, for wood,	21 75
Elijah Bardwell, for boarding teacher,	68 00
J. D. Brown, for wood,	25 75
Philas Doane, for preparing wood,	6 50
Wm. H. Dickinson, for wood furnished,	7 00
Otis C. Wells, " "	1 19
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	\$524 94

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Paid Sarah M. Smith for services as teacher,	\$39 00
Sarah M. Cook, " "	39 00
Elihu Marsh, for wood,	45 48
Foster C. Anderson, for boarding teacher,	32 50
S. D. Bartlett " "	36 00
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	\$191 98

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Paid Catherine T. Edson, for services as teacher,	\$28 00
Martha A. Edson, " "	32 00
Luman S. Crafts, for boarding teacher,	87 00
Fannie S. Dickinson, for services as teacher,	20 00
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	\$167 00

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Paid Lucy A. Smith, for services,	\$112 00
Maria T. Smith, " as teacher,	35 05
I. G. Dickinson, for boarding teachers,	144 05
" " preparing wood,	3 75
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	\$294 80

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid Horace Wait, for timber and labor,	4 00
Dr. Myron Harwood, services as exam'ng surgeon,	30 00
James O. Wait, for earth,	7 00
A. M. Peck, expense repairing Hears House,	34 02
Geo. Wait, for services as assessor,	47 00
Sam'l P. Billings, " "	43 75
Wm. D. Billings, for services as assessor and town clerk,	95 86
Joseph S. Wells, for posting warrants,	3 00
Silas G. Hubbard, administering oaths to aliens and others on the enrollment,	5 00
Oscar Belden, services as collector,	88 50
J. T. & Geo. C. Fitch, for plank and timber,	65 31
D. F. Wells for stamps and paper,	1 10
" " services as Treasurer,	25 00
State Reform School for board of Edwin Jennie,	9 14
A. M. Peck, for recording deaths,	4 20
Henry Dwight, overwork on highways,	88 86
Trumbull & Gere, for printing treasury orders,	3 00
John E. Doane, services as constable,	3 50
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	\$558 24



STATE AID.

Paid Mrs. Edwin Graves,	\$144 00
Calvin N. Covill,	144 00
Emerson L. Covill,	144 00
Oliver Warner,	144 00
Lorenz Seitz,	144 00
Anthony Bolack,	60 00
Ebenezer Anderson,	48 00
Joseph Richards,	148 30
Cordean Sweet,	109 82
Alpheus Hathaway,	106 30
David B. Curtis,	105 30
John H. Vining,	105 30
J. E. King,	105 30
John W. Field,	105 30
Lysander Chaffin,	52 65
Lewis Covill,	8 75
F. B. Bennet,	8 75
Henry M. Hitchcock,	50 70

Amount carried forward, 1,734 47

Amount brought forward,	1,734 47
Paid Mrs. Alonzo Dennis,	4 00
Charles P. Wait,	3 00
Mary Shea,	55 60
Oliver S. Vining,	12 00
Joseph Brothers,	46 70
Daniel Finn,	111 20
Wm. J. Babcock,	44 00
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	\$2,010 97

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### BOUNTIES TO RE-ENLISTED VOLUNTEERS.

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Paid Francis E. Hartwell, | \$50 00    |
| Dwight D. Graves,         | 125 00     |
| Charles S. Babcock,       | 125 00     |
| Jonathan D. Warner,       | 125 00     |
| Edward Cowles,            | 125 00     |
| Henry Bardwell,           | 125 00     |
| John Richards,            | 75 00      |
| Henry M. Hitchcock,       | 125 00     |
| Joseph Billings,          | 125 00     |
| Charles W. Evans,         | 50 00      |
| George Warner,            | 125 00     |
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|                           | \$1,175 00 |

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PAYMENTS TO FAMILIES OF VOLUNTEERS AS PER VOTE OF THE TOWN.

Paid Mrs. Charles P. Wait,	\$30 00
Edwin Graves,	53 00
John W. Field,	23 00
John H. Vining,	20 00
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	\$126 00

Reimbursement to one hundred and twenty-five individuals, of
money paid for volunteers, \$2,260 70

RECRUITING.

Paid for volunteers,	\$2,375 00
Deposited with State Treasurer for volunteers,	500 00

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Alpheus Cowles,	\$1125 00
Savings Bank,	1000 00
Interest on notes,	165 38
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	\$2290 38
Paid State tax,	\$2856 00
county “	1131 93
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	\$3987 93
Paid Assessors orders of abatement,	\$81 33

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

Amount of taxes assessed,	\$11,189 36
Balance in hands of Treasurer, March	
23, 1864,	267 70
E. N. Sampson col'tor of taxes for 1863,	317 48
School Fund,	54 97
State Treasurer,	1171 47
“ “ re'bursm't of State Aid,	2363 18
“ “ for recruiting,	175 00
Town of Whately for support of paupers	130 50
Michael Larkin,	4 60
Treasurer's note to Savings Bank,	1000 00
“ “ “ “	625 00
“ “ A. Cowles,	1125 00
“ “ Elisha Wells,	1625 00
“ “ Mary & Dorothy Morton,	500 00
“ “ D. F. Wells & Brother,	125 00
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	\$20,674 26

DISBURSEMENTS.

Old bills,	268	44	
Paupers,	1112	17	
Schools,	1547	47	
Incidental expenses,	558	24	
State Aid,	2010	97	
Bounties to volunteers,	2375	00	
" re-enlisted volunteers,	1175	00	
Families of volunteers,	126	00	
Deposited with State Treasurer,	500	00	
Notes and interest,	2290	38	
State Tax,	2856	00	
County Tax,	1131	93	
Orders of abatement,	81	33	
Reimbursements,	2260	70	
			<hr/> \$18,293 63
Cash in Treasurer's hands to new account,	2080	63	
Amount uncollected by Oscar Belden,	300	00	
			<hr/> \$2380 63
			<hr/> \$2380 63
			<hr/> \$20,674 26

WM. H. DICKINSON, } Selectmen
 REUBEN H. BELDEN, } of
 JOHN T. FITCH, } Hatfield.

D. F. WELLS, Treasurer.

March 20, 1865.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF HATFIELD,
For the Year 1864-65.

THE number of teachers employed in our schools during the year has been 12 ; number of children in the town between the ages of 5 and 15 years, 269 ; the whole number of scholars in our schools, 286 ; the number of scholars that have not drawn money in town by reason of their being under 5 years of age, or over 15 years, 42 ; the number of children in town between the ages of 5 and 15, that have not been scholars in our schools, 25.

The amount of money raised by the town for the schools, \$1,500. The town received from the State School Fund, \$54.97. Two Hundred Dollars were, by vote of the town, put into the hands of the Committee to be divided among the schools, as they should deem it most just. Our aim in the division was to equalize the length of the schools, as nearly as possible.

To the Hill District we disbursed \$11.13, which gave them 27 weeks of schooling for the Upper Department and 26 weeks for the Lower Department. To the South Center District, \$45.16 ; which gave them 27 weeks of schooling. To the North Center, \$45.16 ; which gave them 25 weeks of schooling. To the Center Upper Department, \$38.34 ; which gave them 14 weeks of schooling. To West Farms District, \$47.00 ; which gave them 25 weeks of schooling. To West Brook District, \$60.68 ; which gave them 24 weeks of schooling. To Pantry District we disbursed none, they being able with the money which they drew upon their scholars, to continue their school 32 weeks.

We would suggest the propriety of the town making some arrangement for a nearer equalization of the length of the schools. We can see no justice in giving the children of one District 8 weeks of schooling in a year more than we give those of another. The money raised by the town is a common fund, and every scholar in town is entitled to his part of it.

We would recommend that the Hill District and the Center unite, on some equitable plan, and support a High School at least six months in a year. We are profoundly impressed with the idea that the next generation will blame us, unless we furnish them with the best facilities for education. The consideration is not, what advantages *we* enjoyed in childhood, but what the present times and exigencies demand, as a preparation to perform well the duties assigned our children as citizens of this Republic. Never were such broad fields opening for intellectual, moral, and philanthropic effort. Who shall settle the difficult political questions that will arise in our nation? Who shall be teachers and preachers, lawyers and physicians, men and women of influence in all the professions and occupations, to go out into every part of our country, carrying New England principles and education? When the clash of arms and the booming of cannon on the bloody field have ceased, another battle will begin, of intellectual and moral forces, which must be fought to a favorable issue by the sons and daughters of New England descent. And it is this battle, that will decide, more than anything else, the future glory of our nation. Let us do all in our power to fit our children to be foremost in the ranks of that army. Education will make the wild wastes of the South rejoice and blossom as the rose, and dishorn the stupid *bulls* of the *triple crown*. We wish that parents would consider well the demands which the future will make upon their children, and use every means to render more complete their education, both as a bulwark of safety to them and the nation, and the most powerful weapon against sin and ignorance. Education is one of the chief corner stones of our Republic, and one of the surest guarantees of personal happiness and influence.

We would recommend, for the Schools during the coming year, an appropriation, at least, as large as that of last year.

It is our opinion that greater care should be taken, in the selection of teachers, to get them who have had *special* training for the work, and can apply the improved methods of instruction. Teaching is a profession, involving a science and an art. Simply one's *idea* of education, whether it is the acquisition of knowledge, or the development, the discipline and culture, of all one's faculties, has an immense influence upon

his success as a teacher. His knowledge of the human mind also, so that he will know in what order the faculties ought to be developed, and what subjects are best suited to unfold and strengthen each faculty, will almost decide the question whether one is qualified to teach. There is a right way to do everything. This is very evident in all the minor operations of life. You require of a man that he shall have had special instruction in his art, if he desires to work upon your nice watch. How much more if he is to work upon the *mind* of your child, infinitely more complicated and delicate than the nicest piece of human mechanism. Yet persons offer themselves to work on the minds of our children, who have never attended a Normal School, or a Teachers' Institute, nor devoted any especial study to the science of teaching. Ask them which of the faculties of a child's mind ought to be developed earliest? or what powers are called into exercise more immediately, in the study of the various branches which they propose to teach? and they will look at you with blank astonishment. Because they do not know that reading is largely an *imitative* art, they waste term after term of the scholars' precious time, and worse than waste it, in their witless experiments. Not knowing that the learning of the multiplication and addition, the subtraction and division tables is simply a process of *memory*, they worry their pupils well nigh to death and wholly discourage them, in trying to make them *reason* or *count them out*. And they never succeed in getting them into the child's mind. Their processes of instruction are nearly as absurd as if they should attempt to teach the children to see with their ears. How much of this perverted work on the part of unskilled teachers we see every year, not in this town alone, but everywhere! There is a better day coming for our children, when parents will demand that those who work on the minds of children shall understand the mind, and how to work it. Then those who offer themselves to teach must have had some special training for their vocation. Only geniuses can teach well without earnest and labored qualification. But geniuses are very rare. We would urge it upon the Prudential Committees, that they make it an important consideration, in the hiring of a teacher, whether he has given any attention to a preparation for his work.

We would also call the attention of parents to the importance of their hearty co-operation with the teacher in his work. The position of teacher is a most difficult one. Parents do really, to an extent, delegate to the teacher, their authority during the hours of school. And the greatest care should be taken not to embarrass the teacher in the exercise

of his proper authority. An adverse word may do incalculable injury in the government of a school. All your influence should be thrown upon the side of the teacher, to strengthen his hold upon the pupil's esteem and affection, and encourage his often despairing heart.

We are often asked whether schools should keep five days, or five and a half each week. We reply that, by our School Registers, and the Reports of the Board of Education, a school *month* consists of twenty days, or four weeks of five days each. Also the Agent of the Board of Education says, in his last Report: "The general practice throughout this State, and the almost uniform custom in other States, so far as I have learned, is, to continue the schools five whole days, with no session on Saturday." In the School Committee's Report, for the town of Hadley, for the year 1861-2, we read: "Five days, of six hours each, now constitute our school week." Several reasons might be given in favor of this plan. We think it better for the small scholars, to have one whole day for recreation than the two fractions of a day, that they now have. It is also better for them who are old enough to convert time into money. We would therefore recommend to all of our Districts to adopt this regulation.

It may not be improper for us to introduce here the law, which specifies the duties of the Prudential Committees of the town. This we do because we are sometimes asked what the statute is, and because we are sometimes prevented from doing our duty, through their undesigned neglect. The statute is:—"Every town divided into districts shall, at its annual meeting, choose one person, a resident in each school district, to be a committee for that district, and to be called the prudential committee, who shall keep the school house in good order at the expense of the district; and if there be no school house, shall provide a suitable place for the school of the district at the expense thereof; shall provide fuel and all things necessary for the comfort of the scholars therein; give information and assistance to the school committee of the town to aid them in the discharge of the duties required of them; and, when the town so determines, shall select and contract with an instructor for each school in the district."

In explanation of the statute the Secretary of the Board of Education says, "In case a teacher has been selected and approved by the superintending committee, in conformity to law, there is no authority in the prudential committee or the district, to close the house against such teacher."

We would call attention to the clause in the statute, which makes it the duty of Prudential Committees to "give infor-

mation and assistance to the school committee of the town, and aid them in the discharge of the duty required of them." The "information," which we sometimes lack, pertains to the *time of the examinations* of the schools. The duty of informing the school committee of such times, plainly devolves upon the Prudential Committee.

HILL DISTRICT.—There were two schools in this District, both Summer and Winter. We were much pleased with the promptness of the scholars in the upper department. The gentle and winning manner of the teacher in the lower department, qualified her well for her office among the small scholars. Both schools merit much commendation.

SOUTH CENTER DISTRICT.—One teacher taught this school both terms. The examination, at the close of the year, gave evidence of patient and successful labor on the part of both pupils and teacher.

NORTH CENTER DISTRICT.—This school did better in the Summer than in the Winter.

CENTER UPPER DEPARTMENT.—This school continued but one term, and that in the Winter. The same teacher was employed as the year before.

WEST FARMS DISTRICT.—The Summer school was taught by a teacher who had had the school before. This term she met with her usual good success. In the Winter a teacher of much experience and high reputation was employed, but for some reason she failed to get the sympathy and love of the scholars, and her success was not complete.

WEST BROOK DISTRICT.—This school continued in the Summer but ten weeks, and closed without an examination. The Winter school has not yet closed. It is under the instruction of its second teacher, the first one being obliged to discontinue on account of ill health.

PANTRY DISTRICT.—One teacher kept this school in the Summer. In the Winter the same teacher, with her sister as assistant, was employed. Their success was much beyond our expectation. The teachers labored with diligence, and the school made marked progress during the year. We would recommend the same arrangement of the schools for the coming year.

JOHN M. GREENE,	}	School Committee.
REUBEN H. BELDEN,		
OSCAR BELDEN,		

HATFIELD, March 21, 1865.

The Town raised by tax \$1,500 for Schools. Number of Children between 5 and 15 years of age, 269.

Districts.	Schools Taught by	Length of Schools in months.		Amount Paid.		Whole Number of Scholars.		Average Attendance.		No. Scholars under 5 years of age.		No. Scholars over 15 years of age.	
		Sum.	Win.	Summer.	Winter.	Sum.	Win.	Sum.	Win.	Sum.	Win.	Sum.	Win.
No. 1, Hill.	Myra Warner.	3 $\frac{3}{4}$	3	\$93 75	\$90 00	37	31	27 $\frac{1}{2}$	28	4-15			7
No. 1, Hill.	Lottie E. Graves.	3 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	75 00	71 50	31	34	19	12-25	26			
No. 2, South Center.	Lamietta A. Field.	3	3 $\frac{3}{4}$	60 00	90 00	42	32	35	41-65	26	1	1	
No. 2, North Center.	Alice J. Hurd.	3	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	72 00	84 50	42	38	1	1	21-82			
No. 2, Center Upper Department.	C. M. Billings, Jr.		3 $\frac{1}{2}$		175 00		27		25	1-6			11
No. 3, West Farms.	Sarah M. Smith.	3 $\frac{1}{4}$		74 60		26		21		5		1	
No. 3, West Farms.	Sarah M. Cook.		3		75 00		34		30				4
No. 4, West Brook.	Fannie S. Dickinson.	2 $\frac{1}{2}$		40 00		20		17					
No. 4, West Brook.	{ C. F. Edson. M. A. Edson.		3 $\frac{1}{2}$		103 00		26		—				4
No. 5, Pantry.	Lucy A. Smith.	4 $\frac{1}{2}$		145 00		49		35	63-100			1	
No. 5, Pantry.	{ Lucy A. Smith. Maria F. Smith.		3 $\frac{1}{2}$		189 00		56		46	8 10			4

REPORTS

OF THE

Selectmen and School Committee

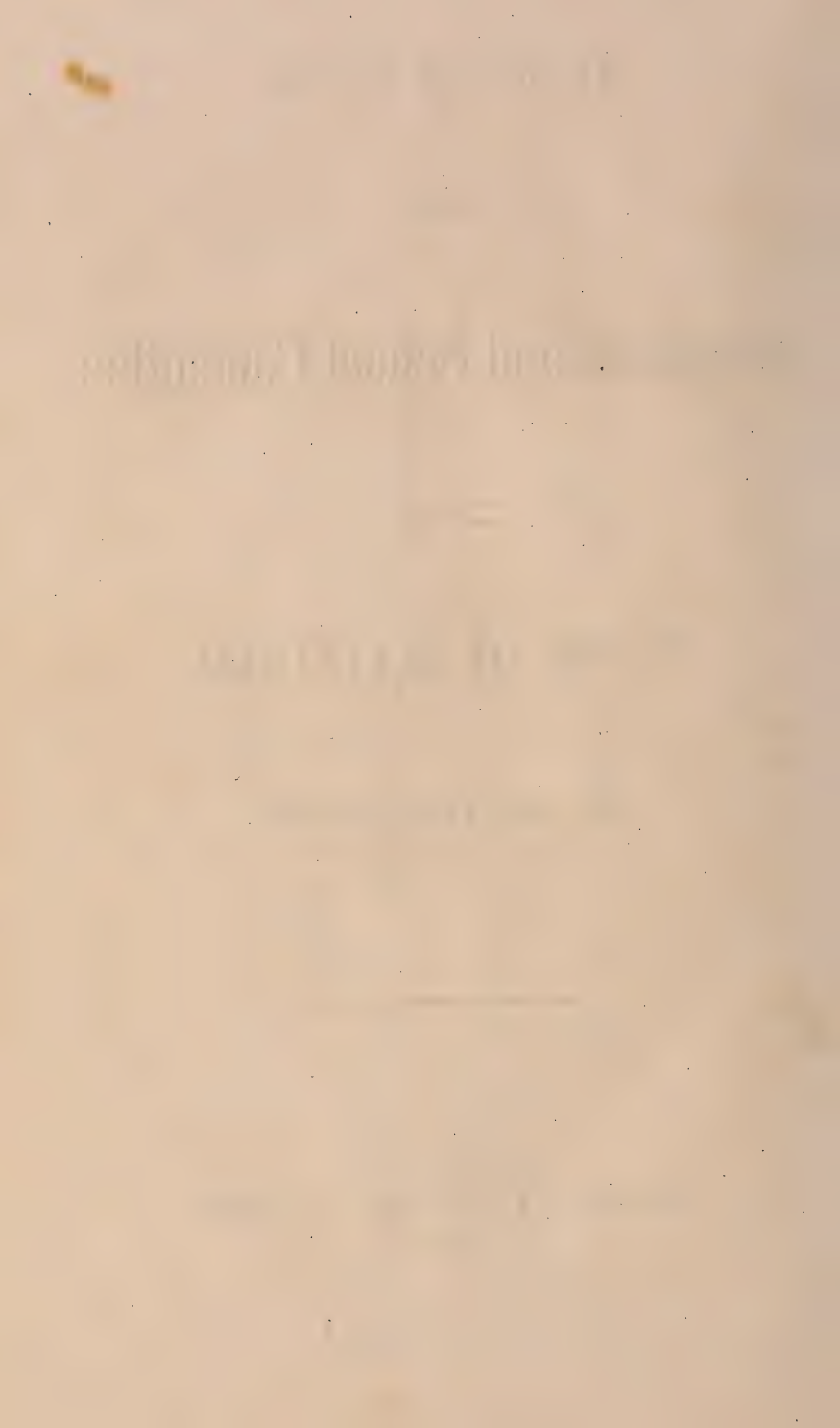
OF THE

TOWN OF HATFIELD,

For the Year 1865-6.



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1866.



Report of the Selectmen.

Since our last report, the war has been brought to a close, and our Soldiers have returned to their homes to engage in the peaceful pursuits of life.

The town has furnished during the war, for the Military service of the Government, one hundred and forty-one men; of this number one hundred and sixteen were for three years, and twenty-five for nine months. Of those who enlisted as inhabitants of the town, twenty-one have fallen in the service, and we trust that the town will at some suitable time take such action as will perpetuate their memory.

The town has paid fifteen thousand three hundred and seventy seven dollars as expenses incurred by reason of the war, which does not include the amount assessed to pay drafted men. In consequence of the discharge of our soldiers, their families were no longer entitled to State Aid, with the exception of the families of those who died or were disabled in the service, who were paid for one year from the death or disability of those upon whom they were dependent. The amount paid during the year as State Aid has been eight hundred and fifty two dollars and ten cents, which will be reimbursed by the State. Town Aid has been paid to four families in accordance with a vote of the town.

The expenses for paupers were less than the appropriation, partly in consequence of the death of Sarah Green, which occurred on the second of May last. We adopted the same course as in previous years for the support of the poor, and contracted with H. Anderson to board Sarah Green, Ann Dickinson, Asa Wells and Theodore Wells at a stipulated price per week. Oliver Bardwell and Francis

Abbott have been supported at Insane Asylum. The amount expended for Mrs. Philena E. Orcutt has been refunded by G. W. Hubbard, guardian. Patrick Dulligan, an alien, applied for help from the town on the third of November last, but as he was not able to be removed to the State Alms House we have been obliged to provide for him until his death, which occurred on the twentieth of the present month. Joseph Sinsover, another alien, being sick and in destitute circumstances, we provided for him and family until his recovery.

The Town at the Annual Meeting made an appropriation of one thousand dollars to be expended on the Swamp Road. A contract was made with Bradford Smith, to build the bridges and grade the road for six hundred dollars. After Mr. Smith had finished his contract we expended three hundred and fifty dollars for stone work and railing, and it being late in the Fall, and the money appropriated by the town nearly expended, we thought best to postpone any further work until the next Summer and see what effect the Spring freshets might have upon the road and then the town would be better able to judge of what might be necessary to be done. We are of the opinion that two or three hundred dollars should be expended on the east side of the river in widening the road and laying walls; also a small sum of money will need to be expended to protect the banks of the new road at West Brook.

There is a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of ten hundred eighty four dollars and seventy five cents, which will be reduced by a bill that becomes due on the first of April for the support of Francis E. Abbott for the last six months; also a small bill for the funeral expenses of Patrick Dulligan.

EXPENDITURES.

OLD BILLS.

Paid	Insane Asylum for support of Francis Abbott,	\$87 50
"	R. H. Belden, for lumber furnished,	9 64
"	Wm. H. Dickinson, for cash paid for John Mahar,	11 15
"	John T. Fitch, for services as Selectman and cash paid,	59 30
"	R. H. Belden, " " " "	70 29
"	Wm. H. Dickinson, " " " "	150 11
"	Rev. J. M. Greene, for services as School Committee,	26 00
"	Oscar Belden, " " " "	23 00
"	Oscar Belden for serving Town warrants,	12 00
"	Rev. J. M. Greene for apparatus and charts,	10 75
"	Dr. A. Montville for Medical Attendance on Selah Wheeler and John Mahar,	70 75
"	Dr. A. W. Thompson for Medical Attendance on John Mahar,	10 00
"	Luther Wells, Jr. for over work on Highway,	13 51
"	Trumbull & Gere for printing reports,	32 00
"	Henry Dwight over work on Highways,	9 80
"	R. H. Belden for services as School Committee,	21 00
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		\$616 80

PAUPERS.

Paid	Herrick Anderson for support of Sarah Green,	30 00
"	" " " " Asa Wells,	130 00
"	" " " " Theodore Wells,	130 00
"	" " " " Ann Dickinson,	130 00
"	Hospital for the Insane for support of Francis F. Abbott,	89 98
"	Hospital for the Insane for support of Philena E. Orcutt,	169 46
"	Hospital for the Insane, Brattleboro, for support of O. Bardwell,	130 00
"	A. M. Peck for services as sexton for Sarah Green,	3 00
"	Dr. Myron Harwood for Medical Attendance on paupers,	8 00
"	Dr. A. Montville for Medical Attendance on Selah Wheeler, Hosea Wheeler and Cynthia Remington,	24 00
"	D. F. Wells & Bro. for goods furnished paupers,	3 00
"	R. H. Belden for cash paid and care of Patrick Dulligan,	91 03
"	" " " " " " Paupers,	49 00
"	Dr. A. Montville for medicine furnished Pat. Dulligan,	2 00
"	" " " " medical attendance on J. Sinsover,	28 00
"	O. Marsh for keeping transient paupers,	15 50
"	John T. Fitch cash paid for Joseph Sinsover,	36 00
"	Wm. H. Dickinson, clothing for Wm. Wells,	18 17

 \$1087 14

SCHOOLS.

District No. 1.

Paid L. Adelia Weeks, for services as Teacher,	\$100 80
“ Lottie Graves, “ “ “	76 60
“ Wm. Coleman, for wood furnished,	19 00
“ “ “ “ boarding Teachers,	181 60
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	\$378 00

District No. 2.

Paid Sarah M. Smith, for services as Teacher,	124 20
“ Laura Field, “ “ “	36 00
“ Maria Wilder, “ “ “	38 40
“ Elijah Bardwell, for boarding Teacher,	36 00
“ L. S. Bliss, “ “ “	42 00
“ J. M. Greene, “ “ “	48 00
“ A. M. Peck, “ “ “	44 50
“ Levi Moore, for wood furnished,	39 00
“ James O. Waite, for cash paid for sawing wood,	11 00
“ Mary C. Billings, for board and Teaching,	86 00
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	\$505 10

District No. 3.

Paid Hattie Stearns, for services as Teacher,	97 50
“ John W. Morton, for boarding Teacher,	42 00
“ S. D. Bartlett, “ “ “	52 00
“ John W. Morton, for wood furnished,	25 97
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	\$217 47

District No. 4.

Paid Maria Harrington, for services as Teacher,	42 00
“ Clara L. Stearns, “ “ “	3 25
“ Mary J. Strong, “ “ “	42 00
“ Horace Waite, for boarding Teacher,	74 00
“ “ “ “ wood furnished,	12 05
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	\$173 30

District No. 5.

Paid Lucy A. Smith, for services as Teacher,	\$56 00
“ Fanny S. Dickinson, “ “	35 75
“ Hattie Hibbard, “ “	48 75
“ A. M. Richmond, for boarding Teachers,	136 50
“ “ “ “ wood furnished,	15 25
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	\$292 25

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Bradford Smith, for building Swamp Road,	\$600 00
“ “ laying walls at Swamp Road,	175 00
Charles Miller, work on Highways,	3 75
Wm. H. Dickinson, cash paid for labor on bridges,	48 20
Michael Larkin, over work on Highways,	61 68
“ “ cash paid for labor on Highway,	54 91
George Chandler, for use of land for road,	7 00
Thomas & A. Cutter, for earth,	20 00
Nathaniel Abell, for drawing stone,	129 50
Jacob Carl, “ “ “	15 00
John E. Waite, over work on Highways,	33 82
Franklin Field, lumber and labor furnished,	36 00
Peter Saffer, labor on Highways,	14 00
Herrick Anderson, labor on Highways,	80 00
L. S. Crafts, “ “	17 50
E. F. Cooley, “ “	94 50
A. E. Strong, over work on Highways,	45 10
Harvey Moore, for timber and labor,	35 46
L. P. Dole, labor on foot walk,	8 75
Dennis Cooley, labor on Highways,	24 00
Leander Cooley, “ “	17 00
J. T. & Geo. C. Fitch, for lumber and services on Highways,	393 80
R. H. Belden, cash paid and work on roads,	148 36
Wm. H. Dickinson, lumber and labor furnished and cash paid	151 38
S. G. Hubbard, leveling Swamp Road,	5 00
D. F. Wells & Bro. for Spikes,	2 00
Horace Field, labor on Highways,	5 00
Henry R. Graves, over work on Highways,	12 94
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	\$2239 65

STATE AID.

Paid Mrs. Calvin N. Covill,	48 00
“ “ Emerson L. Covill,	84 00
“ “ Edwin Graves,	12 00
“ “ Oliver Warner,	48 00
“ “ Lorenz Seitz,	48 00
“ “ Joseph Richards,	84 00
“ “ David B. Curtis,	33 80
“ “ John H. Vining,	17 80
“ “ John W. Field,	9 80
“ “ J. E. King,	33 80
“ “ Alpheus Hathaway,	18 40
“ “ Lysander Chaffin,	16 90
“ “ Henry M. Hitchcock,	33 20
“ “ Mary Shea,	16 90
“ Daniel Finn & wife,	33 80
“ Wm. J. Babcock & wife,	25 20
“ Joseph Brothers,	12 60
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	\$576 20

TOWN AID.

Paid Mrs. Charles P. Waite,	79 00
" " John W. Field,	39 38
" " Edwin Graves,	102 00
" " John H. Vining,	31 34

 \$251 72

Reimbursements to individuals for money paid for recruiting,	\$3925 00
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INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid Wm. H. Dickinson, for cash paid for Insurance on Town Hall,	30 00
" Rev. J. M. Greene, for books and charts,	6 90
" A. M. Peck, recording deaths and labor on burying ground,	4 50
" George Waite, services as Assessor,	38 75
" Samuel P. Billings, " "	45 00
" Wm. D. Billings, " " and Town Clerk and cash paid,	81 45
" George L. Morton, serving notices on Town Officers,	6 80
" D. F. Wells, services as Treasurer,	25 00
" Wm. H. Dickinson, cash paid for repairs on Town Hall,	11 40
" John T. Fitch, taking census and statistics of Industry,	25 50
" R. H. Belden, " " " "	25 50
" Wm. H. Dickinson, " " " "	31 50
" S. G. Hubbard, cash paid for Teachers Institute,	8 00
" D. F. Wells, Postage and Stamps,	1 00
" Calvin B. Marsh, Collecting Taxes and posting warrants,	110 52

 \$451 82

Notes and Interest.

Paid Interest to Savings Bank,	221 58
" " Mary & Dorothy Morton,	31 94
" " Elisha Wells,	103 81
" " D. F. Wells & Brother,	5 00
" " Nelson Clapp,	141 80
" Note of Mary & Dorothy Morton,	500 00
" " Elisha Wells,	1625 00
" " D. F. Wells & Brother,	125 00
" Notes of Savings Bank,	2625 00

 \$5379 13

Outstanding Debts of the Town.

Treasurer's Note to Sophia Smith,	3750 00
" " Nelson Clapp,	1000 00

 \$4750 00

RECAPITULATION.

Receipts.

Balance in Treasurer's hands March 20th, 1865,	\$2,080 63
“ in Collector's hands March 20th, 1865,	300 00
Amount of Taxes assessed,	15,480 65
State Treasurer, Recruiting money,	500 00
“ “ Aid to families of Volunteers,	1,993 09
“ “ Corporation Tax,	726 43
Treasurer's Note to Sophia Smith,	3,750 00
O. C. Shumway, from Liquor Agency,	20 72
G. W. Hubbard, guardian of Philena Orcutt,	313 42
State School Fund,	66 17
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	\$25,231 11

Disbursements.

Old Bills,	616 80
Highways and Bridges,	2,239 65
Paupers,	1,087 14
Schools,	1,566 17
State Aid,	576 20
Town Aid,	251 72
Reimbursement,	3,925 00
Incidental Expenses,	451 82
Orders of Abatement,	84 29
Notes and Interest,	5,379 13
State Tax,	6,674 00
County Tax,	1,294 44
Balance in hands of Treasurer to new account,	1,084 75
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	\$25,231 11

WM. H. DICKINSON, } *Selectmen*
 REUBEN H. BELDEN, } *of*
 JOHN T. FITCH, } *Hatfield.*

D. F. WELLS, *Treasurer.*

March 23, 1866.

THE NAMES OF
OUR SOLDIERS

Who have Died during the War.

JAMES H. ABBOTT,
JUDSON H. HARRIS,
ELBRIDGE G. CLIFFORD,
LORENZO L. HAWKINS,
THOMAS FRARY, JR.,
JOHN RICHARDS,
JOSEPH RICHARDS,
ALONZO DENNIS,
ANTHONY BOLACK,
WELLS CLARK,
ALPHEUS HATHAWAY,

WM. R. WAIT,
CHARLES P. WAIT,
EDWIN GRAVES,
JOHN W. FIELD,
ELIHU COVILL,
JOHN H. VINING,
LUCIUS FIELD,
HENRY A. DICKINSON,
FERNANDO B. BENNETT,
EBB. C. ANDERSON.

ANNUAL

Report of the School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF HATFIELD,

For the Year 1865-6.

The amount of money raised by the town the last year, for Schools, was \$1,500. The town received from the State School Fund \$66,17. Three Hundred Dollars of the Fifteen Hundred were placed in the hands of the "School Committee for the purpose of equalizing the length of the Schools in the several Districts," which money we disbursed as follows:—To the Hill District \$17, which enabled them to have 26 2-5 weeks of school for the Upper Department, and 26 2-5 for the Lower Department. To the Center District \$148, which enabled the South Center to have 24 4-5 weeks of school, and the North Center 24 4-5 weeks, and to the Center Upper Department 12 3-5 weeks. To the West Farms District \$88,67, which enabled them to have 25 weeks of school. To West Brook District \$98.50, which enabled them to have 25 weeks of school. To Pantry District \$14, which enabled them to have 26 weeks of school.

The town will see that the money was so disbursed that the Schools were made nearly equal in length. The great disparity in the length of Schools, observable in our last Report,

was obviated. Yet we have met with embarrassments in executing the vote of the town. Perfect justice, an exact equality in the length of Schools, we have not attained. Some Districts paid much higher wages for their teachers than the others. Some of the Schools continued longer in the summer than the others, and if they had been reduced correspondingly in the winter, many of the larger scholars would have had no more than 10 weeks of School during the year.

If the town can devise some better method of attaining the end aimed at in the vote of last year, the Committee would gladly be relieved of the responsibility and perplexity of the trust. If not, we would recommend that the same amount be entrusted to them this year, with the understanding that they control the length of the Summer Schools, which power they have by the State law, and thus leave no element of inequality except in the wages of teachers. And this might be largely obviated by conference among the Prudential Committees. The money raised is *Town* not *District* money, and each child in town, whether he resides in a large or small district, should have his share of the benefit of it.

The number of teachers employed during the year has been 11. Two have been employed both summer and winter. The number of children in the town between the ages of 5 and 15, is 289, an increase of 20 on last year. The whole number of pupils in the Schools 298, an increase of 12 on last year. The number of pupils in the Schools that have not drawn money by reason of their being under 5 years of age or over 15 years, 29. Here is a decrease of 13 on last year. The number of children in town between the ages of 5 and 15 that have not been pupils in the Schools during the year 19. Here is a decrease of 6.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

The Committee are persuaded that the town needs to give attention to the improvement of its School Houses. The health of the scholars is impaired, their progress in their studies retarded, by badly located, ill-ventilated, or unequally heated school-rooms. The natural taste, sense of fitness in things, love and habit of order, and refinement of children, are not only uncultivated but are deteriorated if they are educated in ill-constructed and neglected houses. Their associations with study and with school in general are rendered unpleasant, and their natural love of knowledge is sometimes turned

into hate. If we desire to have the children of the town grow up lovers of books, and become friends and promoters of education, we must render their school-days pleasant. How often also it is that a boy or girl gets, in a neat and pleasant school-room, an impression of order and propriety which shows itself all through life in his manner, his dress, and his home, both without doors and within. If scholars have no respect for or pleasure in their school-house as a good thing of its kind, the next step is to dislike their studies, then their teacher, then their parents who send them to such a place. School-houses should be such as to put the pride of the scholars under contribution, and cause it to be a safeguard against indecent language or unbecoming conduct.

It is the duty of the School Committee, in their Report, to make "such statements and suggestions in relation to the Schools as they deem necessary or proper to promote the interests thereof."

We, therefore, deem it our duty to recommend to the Hill District that, without delay, they furnish themselves with new, commodious, and tasteful school-rooms. One building, with an upper and a lower room has some advantages, principally in respect to expense. Two houses, separated at a little distance by an apartment for wood, have great advantages, in the convenience of access, and especially in the freedom which the School in one would have from the noise of the other. This last consideration is of great importance.

We recommend to the South Center District that they cease to hold a School in the house behind the church. In the summer it is so shut in by the surrounding buildings that it is neither pleasant nor healthful. But rather use the center school-house, which with the new division of the district which we shall hereafter recommend, will be the most accessible, all the scholars being considered.

The North Center School House and the one in West Brook very much need apparatus for ventilation. The Committee have sometimes visited those Schools when the atmosphere of the room was unendurable to one who had just been breathing pure air. In such an atmosphere it is impossible for scholars to study, they become restless and destroy the order of the School, and they run a fearful risk of contracting pulmonary disease, that giant destroyer in New England. The seeds of the disease are often sown, or, being latent in the system through hereditary causes, they are developed and made rapidly to bear their disastrous fruit, by the malarious atmos-

phere of some of our School houses. The health of the children of the town is a sacred trust committed to them whose duty it is to provide places for their education. Let the children suffer from the cold rather than bad air. But they need suffer from neither.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

The Committee are of the opinion that the boundaries of some of the School Districts should be changed, or a new District be formed. We believe that, if the town adopt the plan of a High School, which we recommend in this Report, the following changes in the boundaries would better promote the cause of education than the formation of another district, which would involve considerable additional expense. The aim of every town should be to support as few Schools as necessary, thus securing for the same money greater length in their continuance.

We propose that the Center District be newly divided, running the division line so far North as to include in South Center the house of Mr. John Brown. Then we would locate the North Center School house in such a place as to render it central to the remaining part of the district. The number of scholars in that district, as now bounded, is so large that they cannot be accommodated in the present house. Last summer the Committee were compelled to transfer some of the scholars to the South Center. To relieve the Pantry District we recommend that as many as ten of the scholars in the Northern part of the District be set off to West Brook, which would make a needed diminution of the one and increase of the other.

If these new boundaries should be fixed and the larger scholars of the town be furnished with a High School, we think convenient accommodation would be provided for all.

If a new School District is to be formed, it seems to us, that the most appropriate place to locate the School house is near the Four Corners, a little to the north-west of Mr. Lewis Dickinson's residence, and draw the scholars from the Hill, Pantry, and North Center Districts.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Your Committee feel that it is their duty to recommend some plan by which a higher grade of education can be fur-

nished our advanced scholars than the Common School offers. Our argument is not that the law requires it, but that the interests of the town, our duty to the rising generation, economy in the expenditure of money, our own social, moral and intellectual welfare require it. It is our opinion that this town pays as much, in proportion to its population, as any town in the county, for the cause of education. It is estimated that during the past year more than three thousand dollars have been paid for the education of scholars abroad. Cannot a smaller sum be expended at home and secure as great advantages to those who go abroad, and extend these advantages to others, and at the same time we have in our midst all the moral, social, intellectual, and religious benefit of such a School?

The Town Hall might, at a small expense, be so fitted up that it would serve the purposes of a School room. And a man, competent to give instruction in the higher English branches and the Classics, could be hired forty weeks, for from ten to twelve hundred dollars. Then a School could be opened for thirty or forty of our more advanced scholars from all parts of the town. We believe that the stimulating effect of a High School upon the Primary Schools would be of incalculable worth. The youngest scholars would be looking forward to it and make earnest efforts to secure the needed qualifications for admission. We claim that this would be an *economical* arrangement for the town. Then our children could secure at home the education which they now acquire abroad, and save to the town between one and two thousand dollars yearly.

PARENTAL CO-OPERATION.

We would remind parents and guardians that though the Committee and the Teachers labor hard for the prosperity of the Schools in town, yet it is possible for you to render their efforts wholly vain. But you can aid them in many ways; you can often inquire about the school; you can visit it, not only at examinations but during the term; you can impress upon the scholars that the teacher is engaged in one of the noblest and most benevolent kinds of work, that she is seeking their good, and has assumed the gravest responsibilities with respect to them, and that they should treat her with respect, and love her for her work's sake; you can impress upon them that the laws of the State require them to submit to her authority, and faithfully perform all the duties of the school; you can form

the acquaintance of the teacher and encourage her, for she has many trials and her heart is often ready to break under the heavy load. She has pupils from many families congregated together, in such a pursuit that they must be *governed* or all her work is lost; yet some of them have never been governed at home, some are selfish, some boisterous, some sulky, some timid, &c., &c. How can a teacher control these different elements day after day, and at the same time have her mind employed in giving instruction, without feeling that the burden is a crushing one? Does she not need your hearty co-operation in such a work? Perhaps your children have some peculiarity or infirmity. Inform the teacher of it, and thus secure for them the sympathy of the teacher and enable her to labor intelligently for their welfare.

We are sorry to be compelled to report that an opposite course from this has been pursued in some cases in town. Remarks have been made, apparently before the scholars of the school, and to the parents of other scholars, adverse to the teacher's qualifications. This could do no less than impair the confidence of the scholars in the teacher, destroy the government of the school, render null the authority of the teacher in her instruction, and greatly damage her success. What one's reflections must be upon such a course we leave for others to decide. To us who value education above gold, and would a thousand times rather be guilty of robbing one of his money than the opportunity to obtain education, no language is strong enough to express our disapprobation of it.

If parents or guardians are dissatisfied with a school, they should guard most sacredly the reputation of the teacher and the interests of the scholars, and never utter a disparaging word before their children, but seek redress through the Committee. To attack the character of the teacher simply upon the reports of the scholars is a course which would destroy all the schools in the commonwealth. We wish parents would consider the high place which schools occupy in respect to all of our interests and deliberate well before they, in any irregular manner, lay their hands upon them. The Committee have the charge of the schools and have the best of opportunities to judge of the qualifications of teachers; they can also remove the teachers or make any needed change in the school which is necessary for its welfare. And we do earnestly request parents to present their grievances to the Committee, and not defame the teacher and destroy for the whole district what might be a good school. It is impossible for any teacher to

succeed if a few of the parents array themselves against her, while it is a very rare thing that a teacher fails if the parents give her their sympathy and support.

ABSENCE AND TARDINESS.

These are growing evils in some of the schools of the town. We are sure that some parents and guardians would be surprised on inspecting the school registers, to see the large number of marks against their scholars. Parents owe a duty in these things to the school and to their children. The best interest of the school requires that those who enter its classes should promptly and regularly perform their duties in those classes; otherwise they impede the progress of those who would advance more rapidly. It would be considered dishonorable and even worse, in pecuniary matters, for one person by negligence and inattention to prevent another, with whom he was associated, from making the largest possible gains. Why is it not more so in education? Education is of more value to children than money. In fact it is money and well nigh all things else. How then can parents suffer their children to defraud other children in this most valuable treasure? But to stop others from their largest gains is to defraud them. To remedy this let parents not only give their children time to attend the school, but see to it themselves that they do attend punctually and constantly, by often consulting the teachers, the registers, and the scholars. The habit of punctuality, of promptness and faithfulness in the performance of duties, is of inestimable worth to any young man or woman. But this habit will be formed, in most cases, only by the constant watch and guidance of parents.

Scholars are also excused from the schools often for the most trifling reasons. This habit should be corrected. It enables them to shirk unpleasant and difficult tasks. It destroys all habits of regularity and perseverance. Parents cannot feel too deeply that this is the sowing time for their children, and what they sow they will reap. Every day of school should be improved to its utmost. Lost, these precious opportunities never return. A rich man at the age of fifty exclaimed, "Oh! my school days that I lost! I would give all my property for the education that I might have acquired in those lost opportunities; my wealth furnishes me but little happiness without knowledge." Parents may lose

a few dollars a year by refusing to take their children from school to labor, but who can compute the loss to the child if he becomes discouraged, or loses his high esteem of knowledge, or acquires careless and desultory habits? It seems to us that parents should make almost any sacrifice to enable their children to attend without interruption upon their school. It is also the *right* of the child. Do not despoil him of his opportunities for education; in old age he may remind you that what you gained was at a fearful expense.

TEACHERS.

All the Teachers during the past year have been females. We think that with our present school system females, with the co-operation of parents and guardians, are the best qualified to perform the office of teachers in all of our schools.

We are sometimes inquired of as to the limits of the *authority* of the Teacher. We reply that the laws invest the teacher with all the authority necessary to keep her school. Otherwise the money of the town might be wasted and the aim of the State defeated. The State is fully resolved that its children shall be educated. The office of a teacher is a most honorable and useful one and the laws do their utmost to render it in all cases successful.

We quote the following from the Twenty-Eight Annual Report of the Board of Education; pages 68 and 69, of the Abstracts. See also pages 107 and 108 of the same. These Abstracts are made by the Secretary of the Board and are supposed to meet his approval.

"Some teachers and many parents think that the teacher's authority ends with the school hours. This is a positive mistake. Courts have settled this question again and again. Let us state a few principles:

1st. The teacher has full control within the school-room and in school hours, over the members of the school, subject only to the directions of the Committee.

2nd. Profanity, obscenity, rudeness or insult by pupils, in or about the premises, or anything whereby the morals or interests of the school are injured, is properly cognizable by, and subject to the reproof and correction of the teacher.

3rd. The authority of the teacher extends to anything that transpires in passing to and from the school, which may be detrimental to its welfare, such as truancy, quarrelsomeness, and indecencies.

The decisions of the supreme courts of several States, (our own among others,) sustains teachers in administering discipline for conduct, words, and insults offered to themselves in presence of other pupils, outside of school premises, because such conduct has a direct and immediate tendency to subvert the teachers authority and beget insubordination.

4th. Pupils may be retained a reasonable time by teachers for purposes of instruction or discipline,—a practice which has been sanctioned by long usage and by the authority of School Committees, and has been found exceedingly useful.

These are the principles pertaining to the authority of the teacher, of course to be judiciously applied.”

GENERAL CONDITION OF THE SCHOOLS.

Your Committee think that as a whole, the Schools in the town were prosperous during the last year. At the different examinations we spoke our words of commendation and censure, and therefore here we forbear. Our schools are far from what we desire, but with competent teachers, faithful and hearty co-operation of parents and guardians, and liberal appropriations, we feel sure that they will be an honor to the town, and what the children, when grown to manhood and womanhood, will look back upon with gratitude and pride.

JOHN M. GREENE,	}	<i>School Committee.</i>
REUBEN H. BELDEN,		
DANIEL W. WELLS,		

Hatfield, March 17th, 1866.

The town raised by tax, \$1500.00 for Schools. No. of children between the ages of 5 and 15 years, 289.

Districts.	Schools taught by	Length of School in months.		Amount paid.		Whole No. of Scholars.		Average attend.		No. of Sch'l-ars under 5 years.		No. of Sch'l-ars over 15 years.	
		Sum.	Win.	Sum.	Win.	Sum.	Win.	Sum.	Win.	Sum.	Win.	Sum.	Win.
No. 1, Hill,	{ L. Adelia Weeks,	4	3 1-10	\$100.00	\$91.63	32	36	24 13-80	31 25-62				8
	{ Lottie E. Graves,	4	3 1-10	\$88.00	\$79.43	39	39	24 9-80	29 97-124				
No. 2, So. Center,	{ Laura A. Field,	3		\$72.00		37		30		1			
	{ Mary C. Billings,	3	3 1-5	\$96.00			32		27 51-64				
No. 2, Upper Dep't	{ Sarah M. Smith,	3		\$78.00		38		33 1-80					
	{ Mrs. M. E. M. Wilder,	3	3 1-5	\$82.90			45		39		2		
No. 2, No. Center,	{ Sarah M. Smith,		3 3-20	\$136.20			28		22 13-14				11
No. 3, West Farms	{ Hattie E. Stearns,	3	3 1-4	\$81.00	\$110.50	24	30	20 18-100	25 4-10	1		1	
	{ M. Maria Harrington,	3	1-4	\$83.25		23		19				3	
No. 4, W. Brook.	{ Mary J. Strong,	3	3	\$78.00		50	29		22 11-20		2		
	{ Lucy A. Smith,	3	1-2	\$101.50			38						
	{ H. E. Hibbard,												
No. 5, Pantry,	{ Fannie S. Dickinson,		3 1-4	\$175.50			59		51 63-65			3	

REPORTS

OF THE

Selectmen and School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF HATFIELD,

For the Year 1866-7.



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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

In settlement with the Treasurer, we find in his hands six hundred and sixty-two dollars and thirty-two cents, and due on Collector's Bill, ninety-two dollars and eight cents. There are some outstanding bills which will reduce that amount. The note of Miss Sophia Smith, amounting with interest to four thousand and twelve dollars, has been paid. There is a note still held by Nelson Clapp against the Town for one thousand dollars, which was borrowed to pay State Aid; and also a note of three hundred dollars to Miss Sophia Smith, which was authorized by the town, to build new roads. The town has paid during the year, as State Aid, eight hundred and forty dollars, and there is due from the State a balance of fifty-two dollars and ten cents, making eight hundred and ninety-two dollars and ten cents, to be reimbursed by the State.

PAUPERS.

The expenses for paupers have been less than for several years past. At the commencement of the year the town was fully supporting five paupers, two of which were in Asylums for the Insane, and three were boarded with Mr. Anderson. Some of them being in feeble health, the weekly cost was greater than in previous years. Theodore Wells died very suddenly on the eleventh day of June. In the month of August, Rolla Wells came upon the town, to be fully supported, and was sent to Mr. Anderson's, but remained only two weeks and "ran away," taking his brother Asa with him, and where they now are is

unknown to us. Ann Dickinson, having been pronounced by physicians insane, was removed to the Asylum at Northampton, where she died on the twenty-third of November. Oliver Bardwell and Francis Abbott, at the Insane Asylums at Brattleboro and Northampton, are the only paupers that have been fully supported by the town the past winter.

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

The Expenditures for Highways and Bridges have been more than usual, on account of a new road and bridges. The County Commissioners having laid a road from near the house of Wm. B. Coleman leading to the depot, a town meeting was called to take action in relation to building said road. At the meeting the Selectmen were made a Committee to build the road. The order of the Commissioners for working the road not having been issued, we anticipated the order, and employed H. S. Porter to make that part of the road lying east of the Swamp Hill, and a short piece near the depot, thinking it for the interest of the town to have it done in the Fall rather than in the Spring.

The bridge over Mill River, near the depot, was undermined by the Spring freshets, and after consultation with experienced bridge-builders, it was decided to drive piles for the foundation of the new bridge. The bridge at West Brook was built with heavy stone abutments, believing it economy for the town to build strong substantial bridges, if the first cost is somewhat increased. We supposed that the bridge over Mill River, near the house of Levi Graves, would only need some slight repairing, but we found on examination that the timbers were so decayed that it was necessary to rebuild it, and it being late in the season, it was built in the same style as the old one, without stone abutments.

In the month of October, Mr. Thomas Sanderson of Whately, while crossing Hill Bridge, had his horse injured by breaking through. After notifying us of the same, he claimed that his horse was rendered nearly worthless, and demanded two hundred dollars as damage. We wished to avoid a law suit, but were not satisfied that the injury would be permanent, and declined to

pay the sum demanded. We saw the horse a number of times during the fall and winter, and as the horse had not fully recovered from his lameness, we settled with Mr. Sanderson by paying him seventy-five dollars.

We think that there is no subject that comes before the town, that is of more importance than that of providing good and safe Roads and Bridges, and yet after the town has increased the amount of money to be expended on Highways, and some of the Surveyors have expended much more than the amount of their tax bills, still it is evident to all who have traveled on our roads, that many of them are in bad condition. The Surveyors complain of the want of proper material to repair the roads in many parts of the town, and also the difficulty of procuring help when it is most needed, and when it would be of the most permanent benefit to the roads to have the money expended. All who have attended our annual Town Meetings know how difficult it is to procure men of experience and judgment, to take the office of Highway Surveyor, and when suitable men are found, to accept that trust, and have learned something by experience the best manner of repairing roads, they will generally decline serving a second term. We are of the opinion that some different plan could be devised by the town, that would be more economical, and give better roads.

EXPENDITURES.

OLD BILLS.

Paid Wm. H. Dickinson, for cash paid for Patrick Dulligan,	\$ 19 90
Emerson L. Covill, for work on Highway,	1 00
Luman S. Crafts, for Land Damage,	225 00
S. D. Bartlett, for Overwork on Highway,	15 49
John E. Waite, " "	3 50
Rev. John M. Greene, services as School Committee,	29 00
R. H. Belden, " " "	23 50
D. W. Wells, " " "	16 95
Wm. H. Dickinson, services as Selectman and cash paid	75 50
R. H. Belden, " "	32 50
J. T. Fitch, " "	25 50
Hospital for the Insane, for board of Philena E. Orcutt,	84 50
" " " " Francis Abbott,	90 50
R. H. Belden, for cash paid for labor on Roads,	21 00
Trumbull & Gere, for printing Selectmen's and School Committee's Reports,	40 00
Elisha Hubbard, for cash paid for Schools,	10 00
	\$713 84

PAUPERS.

Paid H. Anderson, for support of Theodore Wells,	\$ 37 36
" " Asa Wells,	60 00
" " Rolla Wells,	6 00
" " Ann Dickinson,	134 01
Hospital for the Insane, (Northampton,) for support of Francis Abbott,	92 46
Hospital for the Insane, for support of Philena Orcutt,	74 28
Forward,	404 11

Brought Forward,	404 11
Insane Asylum, (Brattleboro,) for support of Oliver Bardwell,	130 00
O. Marsh, for keeping Transient Paupers,	22 50
L. S. Bliss, " " "	6 00
Thomas Cutter, " " "	6 00
Dr. Myron Harwood, for medical attendance, paupers,	5 50
Wm. H. Dickinson, expense of Clothing for Paupers and Funeral Expenses of Theodore Wells and Ann Dickinson,	59 20
R. H. Belden, cash paid, and services for Paupers,	25 60
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	\$658 91

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Herrick Anderson, for Labor on Highways and Bridges,	\$225 07
Foster C. Anderson, for labor on Highways and Bridges,	25 00
Charles E. Kingsley, for labor on Swamp Bridge,	11 50
John McHugh, " "	10 00
Thomas Cutter, " "	4 40
H. S. Porter, for building road to Depot, and Scra- per furnished the Town,	253 00
J. T. and Geo. C. Fitch, for Timber and Plank furnished,	516 32
E. F. Cooley, for drawing Stone,	27 00
Wm. H. Dickinson, for Timber and Plank, and cash paid for labor on Bridges, and for labor of men and teams,	198 82
R. H. Belden, cash paid and labor of men and team,	146 36
John T. Fitch, for services as Bridge Committee,	21 25
E. B. Wells, for driving Piles at Swamp Bridge,	52 00
W. Herrick, for Bolts furnished for Bridges,	37 45
L. S. Crafts, for Labor on Bridges,	53 15
Lorenz Seitz, " "	4 50
A. L. Strong, for Overwork on Highway,	34 52
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	\$1,620 34

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid Calvin B. Marsh, for collecting Taxes and posting Warrants,	\$104 35
A. M. Peck, for services as Sexton and recording deaths,	20 40
S. M. Smith, for Coffin for Ann Dickinson,	14 50
Eames, Sprague & Co., Stoves for Town Hall,	24 34
Thomas Sanderson, Damage to Horse,	75 00
W. D. Billings, Services as Town Clerk and Assessor,	77 15
George Wait, Services as Assessor,	17 50
Samuel P. Billings " "	36 00
Wm. H. Dickinson, Cash paid for repairs on Town Hall,	34 04
George W. Hubbard, for meeting County Commissioners,	7 50
Joseph Billings, Services as Constable,	8 80
Joseph S. Wells, Services as Treasurer, and cash paid for Postage and Stamps,	29 25
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	\$448 83

SCHOOLS.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Paid Mary J. Strong, for services as Teacher,	\$91 00
Julian, " " "	63 00
H. A. Cook, " " "	42 25
Wm. B. Coleman, for wood furnished,	44 00
" " " " board of Teachers,	152 00
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	\$392 25

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Paid Mary L. Childs, for services as Teacher,	\$33 50
Nettie Owen " " "	42 00
Mary C. Billings, " " " and board,	181 50
Elizabeth Smith, " " "	52 00
H. Porter, " " "	110 00
Daniel W. Allis, for boarding Teacher,	33 25
Chas Coleman, " " "	35 00
A. M. Peck, " " "	52 00
S. G. Hubbard, " " "	65 00
A. M. Peck, for wood furnished,	48 75
S. G. Hubbard, " " "	40 12
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	\$693 12

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Paid Helen McRae, for services as Teacher,	\$48 00
Mary S. Watkins, " "	65 00
John W. Morton, for boarding Teacher,	42 00
Oscar Belden, " " "	52 00
R. H. Belden, for wood furnished,	22 75
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	\$229 75

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Paid Jane E. Cutter, for services as Teacher,	\$36 00
H. A. Smith, for Teaching and Board,	60 00
H. Anderson, for boarding Teacher,	36 05
H. Anderson, for wood furnished,	22 75
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	\$154 75

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Paid Lottie E. Graves, for services as Teacher,	\$42 00
Nellie M. Pease, " " "	71 50
Hattie A. Pease, " " "	5 00
A. M. Richmond, for wood furnished,	14 50
Henry Dwight, " " "	38 00
E. L. Hastings, for boarding Teacher,	42 00
Henry Dwight " " "	52 50
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	\$265 50

TOWN AID.

Paid Mrs. John H. Vining,	\$40 66
Mrs. Charles P. Wait,	30 00
Mrs. John W. Field,	39 01
Mrs. Edwin Graves,	80 01
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	\$189 68

STATE AID.

Paid Mrs. John H. Vining,	\$112 00
John W. Field,	112 00
Edwin Graves,	112 00
Ebenezer C. Anderson,	112 00
Joseph Richards,	112 00
Alonzo Dennis,	112 00
Elizabeth Covil,	56 00
E. L. Covil,	112 00
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	\$840 00

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Note of Sophia Smith,	\$3,750 00
Interest to " "	262 50
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	\$4,012 50

OUTSTANDING NOTES OF THE TOWN.

Treasurer's Note to Nelson Clapp,	\$1,000 00
" " " Sophia Smith,	300 00
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	\$1,300 00

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasurer's hands March 23, 1866,	1,084 75
Amount of Taxes assessed,	13,764 20
State Treasurer, reimbursement of State Aid,	876 82
" " Corporation Tax,	281 44
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Forward,	16,007 21

Brought Forward,	16,007	21
Treasurer's Note, Miss Sophia Smith,	300	00
George W. Hubbard, Guardian of Philena Orcutt,	158	78
State School Fund,	118	35
From Sale of Hearse House,	14	00
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	\$16,598	34

DISBURSEMENTS.

State Tax,	\$4,260	00
County Tax,	1,294	44
Sophia Smith's Note and Interest,	4,012	50
State Aid,	840	00
Town Aid,	189	68
Old Bills,	713	84
Highways and Bridges,	1,620	34
Paupers,	658	91
Schools,	1,735	37
Incidental Expenses,	448	83
Orders of Abatement,	70	03
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	\$15	843 94

Balance in hands of Treasurer to		
new account,	\$662	32
Amount uncollected by Calvin B. Marsh,	92	08
		754 40
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	\$16,598	34

WM. H. DICKINSON,	} <i>Selectmen</i> <i>of</i> <i>Hatfield.</i>
R. H. BELDEN,	
JOHN T. FITCH.	

JOSEPH S. WELLS, Treas'r.

March, 20, 1867.

THE
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REPORT OF THE
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FOR THE YEAR 1891

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FOR THE YEAR 1891

ANNUAL

Report of the School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF HATFIELD,

For the Year 1866-7.

The amount of money raised by the town the last year for Schools was \$1500. The town received from the State School Fund \$118,35. Three Hundred of the Fifteen Hundred Dollars were, by vote of the Town, put into the hands of the School Committee, for the purpose of equalizing the length of the Schools in the several Districts. By error of the Treasurer, the \$118,35 from the State School Fund were added to the \$1200 remaining after \$300 were subtracted from the \$1500, and paid out to the Districts under the orders of the Selectmen. Thus the money from the State School Fund was inadvertently appropriated twice. This makes the whole sum of the Town's money used for Schools during the past year, \$1618,35.

The School Committee disbursed the \$418,35, as follows :

To the Hill District \$47, which enabled them to have twenty-five weeks of school for the Upper Department, and twenty-five weeks for the Lower Department. To the Center District \$207, which enabled the North Center and South Center to have twen-

ty-five weeks of school each, and the Center Upper Department twenty-two weeks. To the West Farms District \$107, which enabled them to have twenty-five weeks of school. To West Brook District \$57,35, which enabled them to have twenty-four weeks of school. The Pantry District, with the money drawn upon the scholars, had twenty-five weeks of school.

The number of teachers employed during the year is fourteen ; two have been employed both Summer and Winter.

The number of children in the town between the ages of five and fifteen is 312, an increase of 23 on last year. The whole number of pupils in the schools is 320, an increase of 22 on last year. The number of pupils in the schools that have not drawn money by reason of their being under five or over fifteen years of age is 45.

The number of scholars in the schools that have not been absent or tardy during the entire year, has been seven ; their names are as follows :—Lucy Coleman, Louisa Graves, Lucy A. Strong, Alice L. Bartlett, Melissa A. Dwight, Carrie A. Warner, and Henry D. Warner.

The teachers, in most cases, have been judiciously selected, have labored with commendable zeal and prudence, and met with as much success as our accommodations for the scholars, and our present school system would warrant us to expect.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

Your Committee feel it to be their duty to persevere in calling the attention of the town to the great evils arising from neglect to provide better places for some of the schools. We think we are prompted to this by a feeling of benevolence, *i. e.*, a desire to guard the health, and promote the physical, intellectual, and moral well-being of the rising generation. It is not a wonder that that fell scourge, consumption, decimates our population, and that many others are invalids. There is cause enough in the small, unventilated, incommodious rooms in which some of our schools are kept. The seeds of disease are early sown, and in the very bloom of manhood and womanhood comes the bitter fruit. The private dwellings in this town are an ornament and honor to it ; but this cannot be said of the external appearance

or the internal arrangements and accommodations of some of the buildings in which we are attempting to educate our children. We consider them not only a fatal injury to the taste and better aspirations of the pupils, a means of preventing the growth of a public spirit, and of killing out even the innate desire of knowledge, but undesigned instruments of scattering through the town sickness, suffering, *death*. Youth is the time to lay in stores of health for the heavy duties of active life, and for old age. But what chance has a child for this, who is crowded into a little room, and made, for six long hours a day, to inhale the deadliest poisons, and to sit in the most constrained positions?

To show that we are not drawing upon our imagination for these pictures, let us take some facts. The lower room in the school house in the Hill District, is 22 feet long by 21 feet wide, and seven and a half feet high. The number of cubic feet of air which that room contains is 3,465. The number of pupils in that school last term was 43. The room has no apparatus for ventilation. Physiology tells us that, in order to health, each person needs seven* cubic feet of air to inhale each minute. God has furnished pure air in the greatest abundance. All out doors is full of it at the height of 50 miles. Let these 43 scholars crowd into that school room. Twelve minutes have not passed before that quantity of air has been inhaled by those pupils, the oxygen, or life-sustaining property, taken from it and incorporated with the blood, and carbonic acid, which is a deadly poison, and hydrogen, made to take its place. Suppose twelve minutes to have passed. These scholars must now take that impure and deadly air into their lungs and breath it over, in the hope that some of the oxygen was left on the first breathing. And the next twelve minutes breathe it, still more impure, again. Not getting from it what the system demands, the pupils become restless, feel an aversion to study, have the headache, are weary, and lose their ability to attend to the instruction of their teacher. To require children to study and bring out the products of the brain under such circumstances is the same kind

* Dr. Cutter in his Physiology says, "No physiologist pretends that less than seven cubic feet of air are adequate for a man to breathe each minute, while Dr. Reid allows ten feet."

of insanity as to put a spider on a bed of live coals and ask it to spin its web. The spider will summon all its powers to leap from that deadly place. So all the powers of nature in a child, thus shut up, will struggle to get that child out of that poisonous place into the pure air. The restlessness, the headache, and all the discomfort of the child, are so many wise provisions of nature to secure its life and health.

But the school room to which reference is made above, is not the only one that needs the attention of the town. The upper room in the same district is not what it should be.

The North Center, and the Center in the rear of the Church, are but little better. Also the smallness of most of the school-rooms compels the pupils to be so crowded together that, if they had pure air, they could not study. Small scholars cannot and should not sit still. But any motion is only an interference of one pupil with another.

Enlarged black-boards are also much needed in most of our schools.

The Pantry District needs to be furnished with a room, either by hiring or building, in which to put half of the scholars in the Winter term. Possibly all might be accommodated in one room in the Summer, when the number of pupils is smaller and the ventilation may be more perfect by open windows.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Under this head we would say that it impresses itself upon us more forcibly this year even than last, that as a town we are not doing our duty in respect to the facilities which we afford the young among us for education. We live in a country and an age when knowledge is not only usefulness, happiness, power, but a *necessity*. Two hundred and fifty years ago Shakspeare said, "Ignorance is the curse of God: Knowledge is the wing wherewith we fly to heaven."

John Lock said: "The difference to be found in the manners and abilities of men is owing more to their education than anything else."

Addison: "An industrious and virtuous education of children is a better inheritance for them than a great estate,"

Benj. Franklin : " An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest."

Edward Everett : " Education is a better safeguard of liberty than a standing army. If we retrench the wages of the school-master, we must raise those of the recruiting sergeant."

The inspired penman tells us that " Wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and the strength of salvation."

While the town is furnished with a sufficient number of Primary Schools, it has not one which is suitable to carry the scholars forward and fit them for the increasingly responsible duties of useful, intelligent, and virtuous citizenship. Everything valuable pertaining to the town in the next generation, depends upon the fitness which those who are *now* children, shall have for their responsibilities. What has passed for an education with us, is far less than will be needed by them. The educational standard in all of our towns is raised. A more complete education is demanded for the performance of private or public business, for wise action on social or political questions, and for filling offices of honor and trust. Ignorance puts the ban upon one and shuts the door of opportunity.

The pupils in our schools are, as far as qualifying them for citizenship goes, a trust committed to the voters of this town. The law makes their education the care of the town. This it does because their education is a *public* benefit. Property is enhanced in value if it is in an intelligent and virtuous community. It is more secure. The social privileges afforded by it are better. There is not a worthy interest which is not promoted by the education of a community. So that it is just that all, whether parents or not, should participate in bearing the expense of education. All are benefitted. And it is easy to see that the education must be such as is suited to the times, in order to secure the benefits. More is now demanded for enlightened citizenship, —therefore more must be done to prepare for it. We are really pushing the children now on the stage forward to fight the social battles of their time,—to cope with infidelity, intemperance, vice in all its forms,—and social and political questions of the gravest importance. The whole world is brought within speaking distance of

them, and they must know more about it than we do. They will be met in their conflicts by skilled antagonists, and shall not we furnish them with the skill and the arms needed for an equal contest? Four years ago you would have thought it madness to send out soldiers without equipments? Is it any less madness to send our children unequipped into the battles that await them?

We claim, in the language of the 28th Mass. School Report, that "the influence of a High School goes from the school to the family. Thus a good High School is adapted not merely for the cultivation and refinement of them who receive its immediate benefits, but it is calculated to exert a purifying and refining influence upon society in general, to raise the tone of education, to set up worthy objects as the end of life, to incite new thought, and start the rising generation from a higher level than that on which their fathers stood. Thus every parent has an interest in the High School, even though his children do not enjoy its advantages."

There is sometimes a concise kind of logic that leaps forth, Minerva-like, from the deepest convictions of the soul. It is too condensed for the intellect to unravel and articulate. Dr. Johnson, when disputing with a fatalist, uttered the sentence, "We know we're free, and there's an end on't." President Lincoln when pushed on the subject of slavery, cut the gordian knot by the sentence, "If slavery is not wrong, nothing is wrong." These are expressions of the profoundest convictions of the soul. But no more so than this:—If the education of the young up to a point to fit them for duty in the sphere in which we place them to act is not a duty, nothing is duty. This is an impulse, an instinct of the Christian heart.

From some source must come teachers for our common schools. During the last year we had the services of fourteen, only two of which were from this town, and we furnished only two for the common schools in other towns. Is it not our duty, as well as privilege, to furnish as many teachers as we have the services of? Suppose every town in the State was as deficient in furnishing teachers for the public schools as we are? How soon our system of education would fall! Other towns are glad to furnish

us teachers, for they will have schools to fit their youth for this office. But do we qualify our youth to fill their teachers' chairs? Is not here a double wrong, first to the school-system of the State, secondly to our own youth?

Our recommendation for a High School is as follows: Appropriate \$1200 to the support of a male teacher, a graduate from College, for three terms, one in Summer, one in Autumn, and one in Winter; the three terms to comprise forty weeks. At a small expense put the Town Hall in a condition for such school. Let this school consist of scholars from all parts of the town. Let the town appoint three persons who shall act with the School Committee, in deciding what scholars shall have the privileges of the school for each term. Incalculable would be the advantages of such a school to the town. Instruction would be more thorough in the Primary Schools. The teachers would be relieved of the classes of larger scholars, which now usurp so much of their time and strength, and could devote all their energies to elementary instruction. The smaller scholars would look forward with a laudable ambition to fitness for the High School. It would put the older scholars into the possession of those privileges which they *need*, to qualify them for the trusts which we bequeath to them. We should feel the benign influences of such a school in every domestic, social, business, private and public interest of the town.

MORAL EDUCATION.

We fear that in some of our schools sufficient care is not taken of the moral and religious education of the pupils. Profanity is sometimes heard about the school-house, and obscenity leaves her polluted marks. The daily reading of the Holy Scriptures has not in all cases been enjoined by the teachers.

It is plain that a child is receiving no qualification to be a good citizen, unless it is taught to reverence God. The omniscience, omnipresence, and perfect moral rectitude of God, cannot be too early, and too deeply impressed on the child's mind. That God sees it at all times and will punish its wrong doing, is one of the most essential facts in the education of a child. The Moral Law

should be taught, and the habit of discerning God in his works and providences should be formed. No less than this is necessary in order to train up children to discharge the duties they owe to the State. What regard will one have for his *oath*, if he does not fear God? What is there to restrain one from stealing in secret, or committing any crime, if he does not feel that God's eye is upon him, and that violated law will surely bring its penalty? The laws of our State are very explicit as to the duty of moral instruction in the schools. They say, General Statutes, p. 216, sec. 10 :

It shall be the duty of the president, professors and tutors of the university at Cambridge and of the several colleges, of all preceptors and teachers of academies, and of all other instructors of youth, to exert their best endeavors to impress on the minds of children and youth committed to their care and instruction, the principles of piety and justice, and a sacred regard to truth; love of their country, humanity, and universal benevolence; sobriety, industry, and frugality; chastity, moderation, and temperance; and those other virtues which are the ornament of human society and the basis upon which a republican constitution is founded; and it shall be the duty of such instructors to endeavor to lead their pupils, as their ages and capacities will admit, into a clear understanding of the tendency of the above mentioned virtues, to preserve and perfect a republican constitution and secure the blessings of liberty, as well as to promote their future happiness, and also to point out to them the evil tendency of the opposite vices.

Here the law plainly requires the teaching of "piety," i. e., affectionate reverence of parents and a regard for all our obligations to men, and a veneration of the Supreme Being and a disposition to know and obey his laws.

The laws of the State further make it the duty of the School Committee to "require full and satisfactory evidence of the good moral character of all instructors who may be employed."

Again they say: "The School Committee shall require the daily reading of some portion of the Bible in the common English version."

Experience has proved that the above are most salutary provisions. The Duke of Wellington truly said: "Educate men without religion, and you make them but cunning devils." George Washington said: "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports."

We do not advocate the introduction of sectarianism into our schools, but we do claim that the great principles of duty to God, to our fellow-men, and to self should be taught. The virtues of self-control, honesty, truthfulness, temperance, chastity, industry, purity of speech, courtesy, patience, faith, energy, hope, perseverance, fortitude, self-denial, kindness, obedience, should be explained and enforced. The nature of sin should be pointed out, and every pupil made to see how guilt transforms the character and self-inflicts punishment. Also the loveliness and the claims of Christ as the Savior of men should be taught. It is such instruction that sits at the helm and guides a stimulated intellect in a safe path. As the child becomes older and sees and becomes more widely acquainted his temptations increase in number and strength, and how can he resist them except his knowledge of duty as well as love and practice of it, have been correspondingly increased? The soldier needs his armor before he enters the battle. The child needs to be disciplined and strengthened in virtue, if in manhood he will resist temptations to falsehood, theft, and all manner of sin. If moral culture is neglected, the more shining the talents and the greater the intellectual treasures, the greater will be the wreck and the more dangerous the citizen. The State aims so to train up all the children that they shall become *good* citizens.

Will not then the parents co-operate with the Committee and Teachers in their efforts to develop and strengthen the moral sentiments of the children and instil into their minds "piety?"

DEFACING SCHOOL HOUSES.

There is not that regard for neatness and tastefulness in and about our school-houses which we desire to see. There is an appropriateness in all things. Education is especially comely, attractive, orderly, beautiful. Some of the newer school-houses are sadly defaced. We therefore quote the law on this subject, (vide General Statutes, p. 803, Sec. 67 :)

Whoever willfully and maliciously, or wantonly and without cause, destroys, defaces, mars, or injures, any school-house, church, or other building erected or used for the purposes of education or religious instruction, or for the general diffusion of knowledge; or any of the out-buildings, fences, wells, or appurtenan-

ces, of such school-house, church, or other building; or any furniture, apparatus, or other property, belonging to, or connected with, such school-house, church, or other building; shall be punished by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the jail not exceeding one year.

VISITING SCHOOLS.

There is a very general failure of duty in respect to visiting the schools. Only two fathers of pupils, excepting the School Committee, have visited the schools during the past year, only one the final examination. We would simply ask parents if they can have any interests more important and that need their personal supervision and encouragement more than that of the education of their children. Characters are being formed, dispositions are being moulded, principles are being implanted, the whole future, in this world and the next, is being decided for your children. How much your own happiness may depend upon any one term of the school! The trust which you commit to the teacher is a great one, the work often difficult and discouraging. Cannot you aid the teacher by your own experience in respect to your children? Cannot you afford her the assurance that your mind and heart are with her in her great work? The pupils would realize that you set a high value upon education and would be encouraged to persevere in their difficulties if they saw you often in the school-room.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN M. GREENE,	} SCHOOL COMMITTEE.
REUBEN H. BELDEN,	
DANIEL W. WELLS,	

Hatfield, March 25, 1867.

REPORTS

OF THE

Selectmen and School Committee

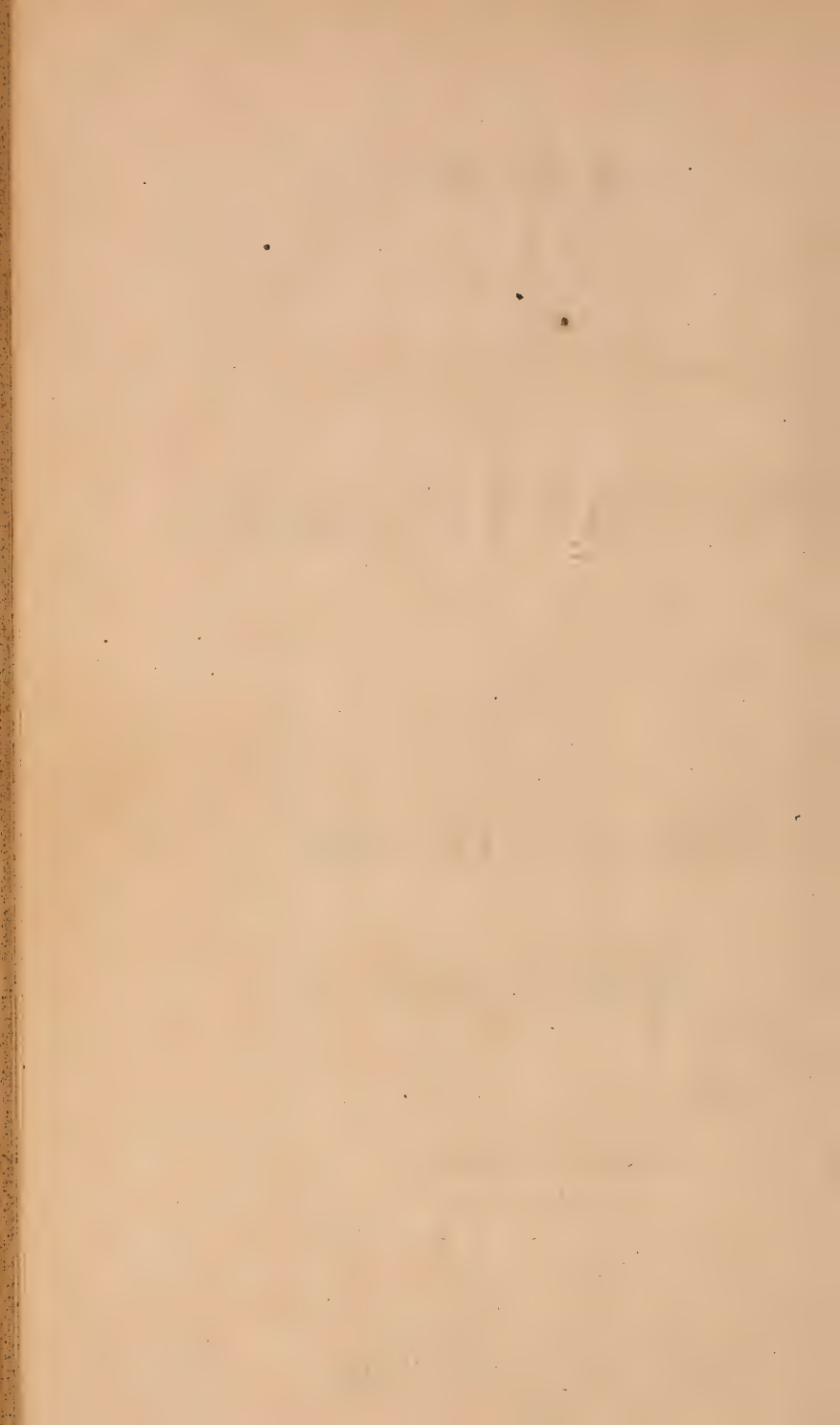
OF THE

TOWN OF HATFIELD,

FOR THE YEAR 1867-8.



NORTHAMPTON, MASS:
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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The amount of money raised by the Town the last year, was \$15,472 40, and with the balance in the Treasury and the receipts from other sources, amounted to \$17,802 68, to pay the State and County Taxes, and meet the current expenses of the year. Although there was no appropriation made to pay the Outstanding Notes of the Town, we found by settling with the Treasurer that there was money sufficient, and we paid the note of \$1000 00, held by Nelson Clapp, which was reported last year among the Outstanding Notes of the Town. There is still a Note held by Miss Sophia Smith, against the Town for \$300 00. There is \$395 80 in the hands of the Collector, which we think will be sufficient to pay all outstanding bills, and there is due from the State for re-imbursement of State Aid, \$711 10.

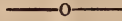
PAUPERS.

The expenses for the support of paupers have been less than for many years past. Oliver Bardwell and Francis Abbott, in Insane Asylums, are the only persons who have been fully supported during the year. On the ninth of October, Lewis Covill was brought to this town by order of the Overseers of the Poor of Hartford, Ct., and being insane we had him committed to the Insane Asylum at Northampton, where he remained about two months. William and Rolly Wells, with a little assistance for clothing, have been able to provide for themselves. We have also rendered aid to the families of Selah and Hosea Wheeler, and Francis Ballou. Probably there never was so many applications made to the town for help by Transient Paupers, as during the past winter. One was taken to the State Alms House at Monson, and one to the Insane Hospital at Northampton, but being aliens were no expense to the town except the cost of removing them.

HIGHWAYS.

The system adopted at the annual meeting to repair the Highways being new, and the responsibility of carrying into effect the wishes of the town being left with the Selectmen, we felt desirous of giving the experiment a fair trial, so that the town could judge whether it was a more economical way of repairing the roads, and at the same time be making permanent improvements. As we only wanted two men and a team, our greatest difficulty was to find a man who was willing to labor faithfully himself, and at the same time have experience and judgment sufficient to superintend the work. Lysander Chaffin was finally employed at \$2 25 per day, and one man to work by the month. A team with the necessary tools were purchased, and Mr. Chaffin commenced work and continued in the service of the town until the ground became frozen in the fall. We were very well satisfied with Mr. Chaffin, and think that it would be well for the town to secure his services for another year, if the present system is to be continued. We think that all who have traveled on our roads must have noticed an improvement from former years, by finding them in better condition for the public travel, as well as by the more permanent repairs made by turnpiking and carting clay and gravel. The expenses for horses, wagon, harnesses, and the other necessary tools, was \$426 87; for Mr. Chaffin and other laborers, and for keeping team, and repairing of tools, was \$915 61, making in all \$1,342 48. Mr. Chaffin worked with team and man on Swamp Road and Bridges forty-five days, which would have cost the town \$315 00, in addition to the expense of repairing roads by the old system of Highway Surveyors, and should be deducted in order to give the ordinary cost of repairing the roads, leaving \$1,027 48, as the expenses for team and labor. One horse died in the fall of the year, and Mr. Chaffin has kept the other horse during the winter for the privilege of using him. From the above sum should be deducted the present value of the horse, wagon, harnesses, and other tools, which we estimate at \$275 00, which leaves \$752 48, as the actual cost of repairing the roads the last year.

EXPENDITURES.



OLD BILLS.

Paid H. & L. Moore, for plank furnished,	\$ 2 61
Dr. A. Lewis, for medical attendance on family of Selah Wheeler,	10 00
Thomas Cutter, for keeping Paupers,	1 50
Daniel W. Wells, services as School Committee,	20 15
R. H. Belden, " " "	21 50
Rev. J. M. Greene, " " "	27 00
Michael Larkin, for overwork on Highways,	59 51
Henry M. Field, " "	4 43
Antoine Allair, for clay furnished,	13 04
Calvin B. Marsh, for serving Warrants,	3 00
R. H. Belden, for Services as Selectman,	27 75
J. T. Fitch, " "	26 75
Wm. H. Dickinson, " "	66 25
E. G. Southwick, for damage received on Highways,	32 00
Hospital for the Insane, Northampton, for the sup- port of Francis Abbott and Ann Dickinson,	110 00
Charles N. Coleman, for labor on Highways,	5 00
Trumbull & Gere, for printing Selectmen's and School Committee's Reports,	49 75
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	\$480 24

PAUPERS.

Paid Hospital for the Insane, for the support of Francis Abbott,	\$ 95 00
Vermont Asylum for the Insane, for the support of Oliver Bardwell,	130 00
L. S. Bliss, for keeping Transient Paupers,	55 00
Dr. A. Lewis, for medical attendance on the family of Selah Wheeler,	50 00
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Forward,	\$330 00

Brought Forward,	\$330 00
Dr. A. Lewis, for medical attendance on Lewis Covill, and the family of Francis Ballou, \	7 00
J. T. Fitch, for cash paid for Clothing for Rolla Wells,	6 75
Fitch Brothers & Doane, Provisions furnished Hosea Wheeler,	10 26
Fitch Brothers, and Porter, for Wood furnished H. Wheeler,	10 75
Wm. H. Dickinson, for cash paid and services for Paupers,	43 75
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	\$408 51

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Lysander Chaffin, for services on Highways, and cash paid for Tools and repairing,	\$406 30
Alexander Hade, for labor on Highways,	155 54
Thomas Boyle, for labor on Swamp Road,	18 00
John Leary, " "	25 00
Jeffrey McGrath, " "	12 50
Wm. Hurley, " "	22 00
John Kiley, " "	35 25
Patrick McGrath, " "	19 25
William Powers, " "	63 00
John Keatz, labor on Highways,	7 87
Foster C. Anderson, for Horses and Wagon,	350 00
Philip Carl, for Harnesses,	55 00
Charles E. Hubbard, for labor on Swamp Road,	100 00
Alonzo Sweet, for stone furnished, and labor on Swamp Road,	70 00
H. Anderson, for labor on Bridges and Swamp Road,	103 03
Jacob Carl, for labor on Swamp Road,	53 50
A. Crosset, for Hay furnished,	19 40
Wm. H. Dickinson, for cash paid for Hay,	17 05
Leander Cooley, for labor on Pine Bridge,	27 00
Luman S. Crafts, " "	21 25
Wm. M. Jones, for board of A. Hade,	109 74
L. McIntyre, Tile for Culverts,	23 25
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Forward,	\$1,713 93

Brought Forward,	\$1,713 93'
W. Herrick, for Bolts,	17 15
C. K. Morton, for labor on Swamp Road,	20 00
J. D. Brown, for labor and railing for Swamp Road,	58 20
L. S. Bliss, for labor on Highways, and for Guide Board,	8 50'
S. G. Curtis, for labor on Hill Bridge,	6 00
Antoine Allair, for Gravel furnished,	31 10
H. S. Porter, for labor on Swamp Road,	61 24
John T. & Geo. C. Fitch, Hay furnished,	55 30'
Fitch Brothers, and Porter, for Meal,	140 10'
Fitch Brothers, and Porter, for Plank and Timber,	263 92
J. T. & Geo. C. Fitch, for Plank and Timber,	179 12
R. H. Belden, labor furnished on Roads and Bridges,	60 12
Wm. H. Dickinson, cash paid and labor furnished on Roads and Bridges,	120 18
J. T. Fitch, services on Roads and Bridges,	5 00
Patrick Powers, for work on Swamp Road and West Brook Bridge,	36 75
Rhoads & Kingsley, for Bolts,	5 70
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	\$2,782 31

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid W. G. Shattuck, for Desks and Seats for Town Hall,	\$205 50
Batchelder & Dinsmore, for labor on Town Hall,	112 34
Wm. Daugherty, for painting Town Hall,	169 50
R. H. Belden, expense on School Furniture,	13 00
John E. Doane, for notifying Town Officers,	3 00
Wm. D. Billings, for Services as Town Clerk and Assessor,	82 00
C. K. Morton, for services as Assessor,	37 50
Samuel P. Billings, " " "	35 00
A. M. Peck, for recording deaths, and labor on cemetery,	6 50
Wells & Bardwell, for Screws and Nails for Town Hall,	5 60
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Forward,	\$669 94

Brought Forward,	\$669 94
J. S. Wells, services as Treasurer, and cash paid,	26 75
S. G. Hubbard, for services on Town Hall,	6 00
George W. Dickinson, for collecting Taxes and serving warrants,	83 50
Wm. H. Dickinson, for cash paid for repairing Town Hall, and for Insurance,	29 87
Fitch Brothers & Doane, Nails, etc., for Town Hall,	8 43
J. T. & George C. Fitch, Lumber for Town Hall,	49 97
Fitch Brothers and Porter, " "	74 81
Wm. H. Dickinson, for labor repairing Town Hall,	12 20
J. S. Wells, cash paid and labor on Town Hall,	15 73
Daniel W. Wells, for Text Books and repairs on Town Hall,	9 65
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	\$986 85

S C H O O L S .

HIGH SCHOOL.

Paid Mary A. Clark, for services as Teacher,	\$131 00
E. C. Winslow, " "	120 00
S. G. Hubbard, for board of Teacher,	88 00
C. M. Billings, " "	72 00
Philas Doane, for sawing wood,	11 33
J. E. Porter, for making fires,	5 00
Wm. P. Allis, for wood furnished,	13 50
J. T. & Geo. C. Fitch, wood furnished,	50 00
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	\$490 83

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Paid M. J. Strong, for services as Teacher,	\$ 91 25
Helen A. Cook, " "	84 50
Levi Moore, for board of Teacher,	104 00
H. S. Porter, " "	112 00
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	\$391 75

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Paid Louisa A. Maynard, for services as Teacher,	\$ 42 00
Helen L. Kellogg, " "	48 00
L. Adelia Weeks, " "	56 00
Lizzie A. Smith, " "	70 00
A. M. Peck, for board of Teacher,	104 00
C. M. Billings, " "	56 00
S. G. Hubbard, " "	48 00
G. W. Dickinson, for wood,	25 00
A. M. Peck, " "	10 00
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	\$459 00

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Paid Nellie M. Stearns, for services as Teacher,	\$36 00
Mary S. Smith, " "	6 50
Eliza F. Winslow, " "	30 00
S. D. Bartlett, for board of Teacher,	48 00
Austin S. Jones, " "	48 00
Sanford S. Belden, for wood furnished,	23 37
S. D. Bartlett, for preparing wood,	6 00
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	\$197 87

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Paid Eliza J. White, for services as Teacher,	\$ 91 00
Horace Wait, for board of Teacher,	88 00
Horace Wait, for wood furnished,	7 50
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	\$186 50

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Paid Nellie M. Pease, for services as Teacher,	\$ 63 00
Ruth E. Livermore, " "	75 00
Henry Dwight, for board of Teacher,	101 50
Ebr. Dwight, for wood furnished,	35 00
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	\$274 50

STATE AID.

Paid Mrs. Mary Richards,	\$96 00
Mrs. Clara W. Vining,	96 00
Mrs. Ursula B. Graves,	96 00
Mrs. Ruth S. Dennis,	96 00
Mrs. Minerva Anderson,	96 00
Mrs. Elizabeth Covill,	8 00
E. L. Covill,	31 00

 \$519 00

TOWN AID.

Paid Mrs. Ursula B. Graves,	\$80 00
Mrs. Lucy M. Field,	35 33
Mrs. Clara W. Vining,	28 67
Mrs. Helen M. Wait,	34 67

 \$178 67

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Note of Nelson Clapp, and interest,	\$1,125 00
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OUTSTANDING NOTE.

Treasurer's Note to Sophia Smith,	\$300 00
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 RECAPITULATION.

 RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasurer's hands, March 20, 1867,	\$ 754 40
Amount of Taxes assessed,	15,472 40
State Treasurer, re-imbursement of State Aid,	700 00
“ “ Corporation Tax,	663 42
State School Fund,	160 46
Liquor Agent,	50 00
A. M. Peck, lot in Cemetery,	2 00

 \$17,802 68

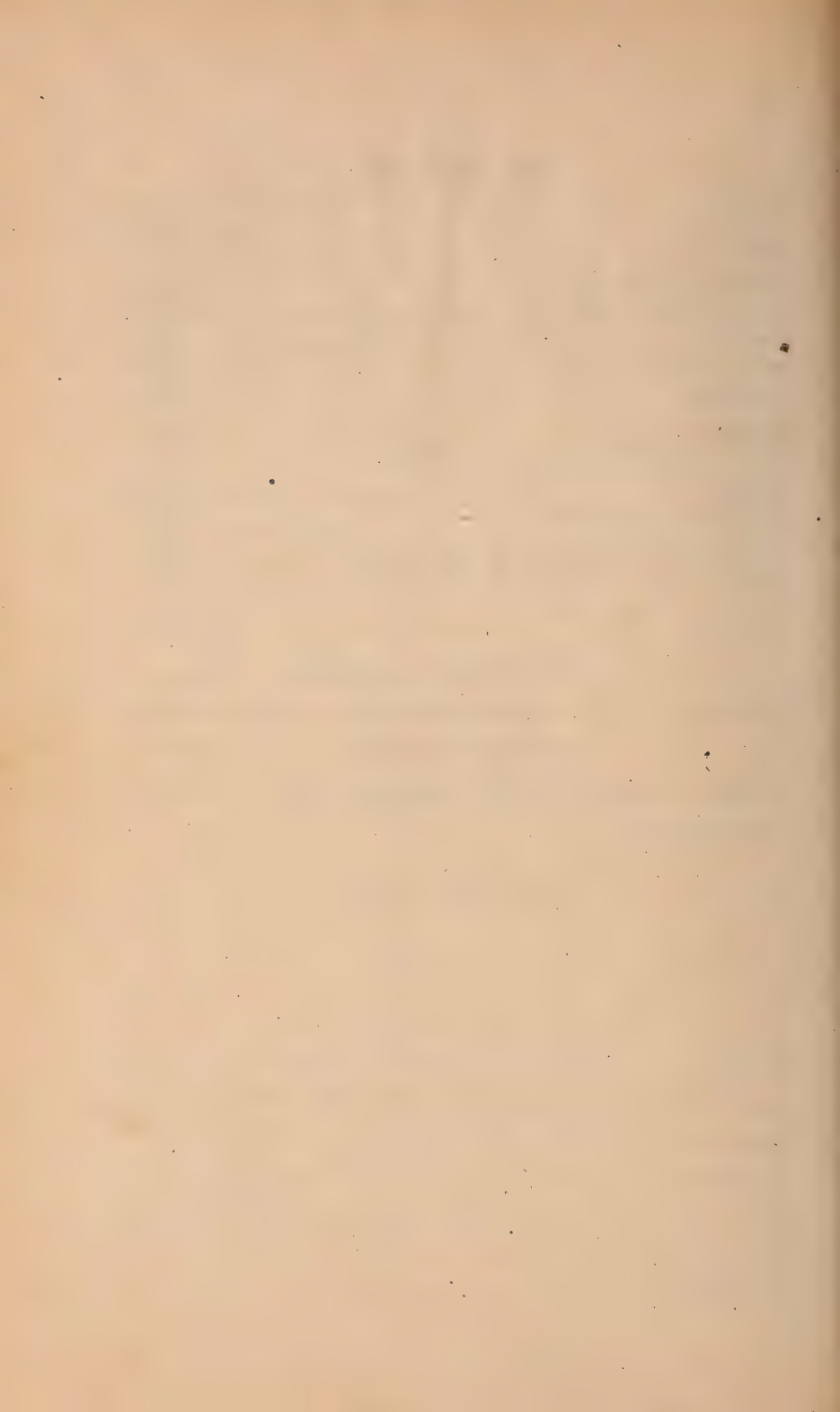
DISBURSEMENTS.

State Tax,	\$7,100 00
County Tax,	1,618 05
Interest on State Tax,	76 48
Note of Nelson Clapp and Interest,	1,125 00
State Aid,	519 00
Town Aid,	178 67
Old Bills,	480 24
Paupers,	408 51
Highways and Bridges,	2,788 01
Schools,	2,000 45
Miscellaneous Expenses,	986 85
Orders of Abatement,	131 32
Amount uncollected by G. W. Dickinson,	395 80
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	\$17,802 68

WM. H. DICKINSON,	}	<i>Selectmen</i>
R. H. BELDEN,		<i>of</i>
JOHN T. FITCH,		<i>Hatfield.</i>

JOSEPH S. WELLS, *Treasurer.*

March 23, 1868.



A N N U A L
Report of the School Committee
OF THE
TOWN OF HATFIELD,
For the Year 1867-8.

To the People of Hatfield, Greeting: It is with no little sensitiveness that your Committee present this report, following as it does others so ably written and so full of valuable suggestions and salutary advice.

While Statute law makes it proper for the School Committee to give advice and make suggestions, it is our purpose not in any way to take advantage of this provision. But we do deem it advisable to call the attention of the town to some items in previous reports.

By vote of the town \$2000 was raised for schools and placed in the hands of the Town School Committee, "To be used by them at their discretion, for the support of Schools the ensuing year."

The town received from the State School fund \$160,40.

There has been expended for the High School—thirty-four weeks—\$490,83.

In District No. 1, twenty-seven weeks, \$391,75.

“ No. 2, twenty-six weeks, \$459,00.

“ No. 3, twenty-four weeks, \$197,87.

“ No. 4, twenty-six weeks, \$186,50.

“ No. 5, twenty-nine weeks, \$284,15.

The number of teachers employed is fourteen ; three have been employed both summer and winter.

The number of children in town between the ages of five and fifteen, is two hundred and eighty-six. The number of pupils in the schools is three hundred and twenty-two. The number of pupils in the Schools under five and over fifteen years of age, is thirty-six.

The average attendance of Scholars in town for the Summer, is two hundred and thirty-nine ; in winter, two hundred and sixty-four.

HIGH SCHOOL.

In accordance with the vote of the town, the Selectmen had the Hall put in order and furnished it with seats and desks suitable for school purposes. The school commenced May 7th, Miss Mary A. Clark, of South Hadley, teacher. She taught this school through the summer and fall terms, with credit to herself and profit to the scholars. During the winter the school was under the instruction of Edward C. Winslow, an experienced teacher, a student of high standing in Amherst College. He labored earnestly, and we think in a good degree successfully. One thing which tended apparently to hinder the fullest success of this school, was, that the minds of the scholars were in some measure diverted from their studies by other objects.

The cultivation of the social faculties, without doubt is important and surely ought not to be neglected, but it should not encroach upon the time which more properly belongs to school duties. We cannot say to what extent this prevented the perfect success of the school, being a matter beyond the control of the teacher, and for which the parents and guardians alone are responsible. The establishment of the High School greatly increased the responsibilities of the Committee. Its friends have watched its progress with considerable interest during the year, and if all the benefits resulting from it, which may have been pictured to the imagination, have not been fully realized, yet in our opinion it should be continued.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

We would not go into detail in regard to the particular success of the teachers in our several districts, but say that on the whole, fair satisfaction has been given.

Our Registers show quite the usual number of marks of absence and tardiness, and in many cases on a line with the same names as in years past. We would just like to ask the parents of these children if they knew they were not getting their full share of the school money. We can but hope that this fact will in part be a sufficient incentive to them to see that their scholars are constantly, and promptly, in their places in school.

Mr. Ebenezer Dwight will no doubt be surprised to learn that he alone of all the fathers in town, (the Committee excepted,) has visited a school during the year, aside from the regular examination days.—Brethren these things ought not so to be.—But we are happy to say that more of the mothers have manifested their interest in the schools.

By refering to your Committees' report of '65 and '66, we find one district recommended to "furnish themselves without delay with new, commodious, and tasteful school rooms." To another "that they cease to hold a school in the house behind the church, because it is neither pleasant or healthful, but rather use the Center School House."

The great need of apparatus for ventilation as a sanitary measure, is spoken of in other districts.

Last year your Committee felt it to be their duty to persevere in calling the attention of the town to the same subject, taking for a text "all that a man hath, will he give for his life." Sickness, suffering and death, were vividly portrayed to the minds of parent and child, in accordance with the most approved principle of learned Physiologists, and we could almost see—at least in our imagination—our children running from these places where the seeds of death are so thickly cast, and our old school houses vacated. But these considerations, fearful to contemplate as they then appeared to your Committee, have not seemed to have the desired effect; perhaps for good and sufficient reasons.

We are a democratic community, claiming independence of thought as well as action, and very likely old fashioned in some of our ideas, slow to adopt new theories, or accept plans proposed which have not been fully tested according to our notions of the fitness of things. We may think that possibly there may be some mistake in those nice calculations, making just so much space needed for each scholar, and just so much pure air necessary to sustain life.

Without doubt the parents of the children in Hatfield desire their life, health and happiness, and would do all in their power to secure it, and when the different districts feel that in order to accomplish this, new school houses are needed, they will build them, if not after the plans suggested, as they in their wisdom shall decide.

All of which is respectfully Submitted,

REUBEN H. BELDEN,	}	SCHOOL COMMITTEE.
JAMES PORTER,		
DANIEL W. WELLS,		

The Town raised by tax \$2,000 for Schools.

No. of Children between the ages of 5 and 15, 286.

	Schools taught by	Length of Schools in months.		Amount paid.		Whole No. of Scholars.		Average attend- ance.		No. Schol- ars under 5 years.		No. Schol- ars over 15 years.	
		Sum.	Win.	Sum.	Win.	Sum.	Win.	Sum.	Win.	Sum.	Win.	Sum.	Win.
High School,	{ Mary A. Clark, Edward C. Winslow.	5½		\$219 00	\$192 00	32	38	26	34 4-57			10	26
			3										
<i>Districts.</i>	{ Mary J. Strong, Helen A. Cook,	3¼	3½	94 25	105 00	25	32	22 14-65	28 1-4				
		3¼	3½	91 00	101 50	41	38	33	30	1	1		1
No. 1, Hill,	{ Helen L. Kellogg, Lizzie A. Smith,	3	3½	96 00	126 00	46	44	38	35				
No. 2, South Center,	{ Louisa A. Maynard, L. Adelia Weeks,	3	3½	90 00	112 00	48	51	39	45 2-7				1
No. 2, North Center,	{ Nellie M. Stearns, Eliza F. Winslow,	3	3½	84 00	84 00	18		16		1			
No. 3, West Farms,	{ Mary S. Smith, Eliza J. White,	3	3½	81 00	98 00	29	21	21	17				
No. 4, West Brook,	{ Nellie M. Pease, Ruth E. Livermore,	3½	3¾	112 00	127 50	57	62	43 1-2	23 1-4	1	1	1	3
No. 5, Pantry,								51					

REPORTS
OF THE
SELECTMEN
AND
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
Town of Hatfield,
FOR THE YEAR 1868-9.

NORTHAMPTON:
TRUMBULL & GERE, STEAM PRINTERS.
1869.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

In making our report of the receipts and expenditures of the town for the past year, we find a balance in the treasury of more than will be needed to pay all of the outstanding bills against the town, thus leaving the town free from debt. There is also due from the State for re-imbursement of State Aid a sum sufficient to meet the payments that will have to be made by the town for State Aid during the coming year.

There has been but little change in the manner of supporting Paupers since our last report. Francis Abbott and Oliver Bardwell remain in Insane Asylums. Wm. Wells has received aid for clothing during the year, and for a short time has been fully supported by the town. Mary Ryan, with her child, who had no settlement in the town, were a charge for a few weeks, as they were not able to be removed to the alms house. The child was subsequently deserted by the mother, and being sick had to be provided for until she was able to be removed to the State Alms House. The town of Whately has commenced a suit against the town for the care of Eunice Bardwell during her last sickness. A full statement of the case will be made at the annual meeting. We have had about the usual number of Transient Paupers, many of whom we believe to be vagrants, and get their living by calling on the overseers of the poor for help.

Last year we reported in favor of the present system of repairing the Highways, and after the experience of another year, we are still in favor of continuing the same system, although we are aware that the roads have not been as well cared for as in the

previous year. We regretted that Mr. Chaffin's previous engagements prevented giving his whole time to the repairs of roads and bridges. We are of the opinion that success depends very much upon having a suitable man to superintend, who has no other business that will interfere with his work on the roads. If by a liberal offer from the town, Mr. Chaffin or some other competent man, could be induced to devote his whole time during the summer to the town, we feel confident that the roads and bridges would be kept in good repair, and at less expense than by the old system of Highway Surveyors. The bridge at Brook Hollow has been rebuilt during the year and repairs have been made on other bridges so that we consider them safe for the public travel.

The matter in relation to the leveling of the ground in the old burying ground having been referred to the Selectmen, we examined the grounds, but finding a large number of graves without stones to mark the place, we were unwilling to obliterate all marks of graves without the knowledge of relatives or friends of those who were buried there. We think that some action should be taken by the town to give public notice that after a specified time the town would proceed to make the necessary improvements where individuals neglected to do it.

In consequence of the action of the town, abolishing the School Districts, a committee was appointed to make an appraisal of the property belonging to the several School Districts. The whole amount of their appraisal was Thirty-One Hundred and Twenty-Nine Dollars, which was, by the Assessors, added to the town grant in making the assessment of taxes. The amount due the several tax-payers was deducted from their tax. In school district No. 5, every tax-payer was credited with the whole amount of their tax, and there is a balance of One Hundred and Thirty Dollars and ninety-two cents still due to the District.

EXPENDITURES.

OLD BILLS.

Paid Lysander Chaffin for labor on Highways,	\$11 00
R. H. Belden, for work on Highways and taking Pauper to State Alms House,	23 90
Richard Fitzgerald, for digging grave for Eliza Wheeler,	3 00
Hospital for the Insane, for board of Lewis Covill,	39 07
Do., for board of Francis Abbott,	95 30
James Nolan, going to Northampton for coffin,	3 00
Daniel W. Wells, services as School Com.,	24 20
Trumbull & Gere, for printing reports,	36 00
Fitch Brothers & Porter, for wood,	29 00
John T. Fitch, for services as Selectman, and cash paid,	32 00
R. H. Belden, for services as Selectman, and cash paid,	28 00
Wm. H. Dickinson, for services as Select- man, and cash paid,	61 50
C. C. Dickinson, for stone furnished,	5 00
James Porter, services as School Com.,	32 00
Charles Potter, for labor on Highways,	2 80
R. H. Belden, cash paid for getting teachers,	9 00
R. H. Belden, services as School Com.,	35 00
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	\$469 77

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Lysander Chaffin, for labor and cash paid,	\$721 39
L. McIntire, for drain pipe,	193 50
Erastus Cowles, for Hay,	41 30
C. N. Covill, for labor on Bridge,	13 50
Antoine Allair, for drawing stone, and for earth,	40 45

Forward,

\$1,010 14

Brought Forward,	\$1,010 14
Marshall N. Hubbard, for drawing drain pipe,	5 00
Batchelder & Dinsmore, labor on Bridges,	12 88
Fitch & Porter, for Lumber and Meal,	463 02
J. T. & Geo. C. Fitch, for Lumber and Labor,	83 42
R. H. Belden, for labor on Highways,	17 50
Wm. H. Dickinson, cash paid and labor on Highways,	23 65
	<hr/> \$1,615 61

PAUPERS.

Paid Hospital for the Insane, for board of Fran- cis Abbott,	95 65
Vermont Asylum for the Insane, for board of Oliver Bardwell,	130 00
Mrs. Joseph Richards, for care of child,	23 00
Dr. A. Lewis, medical attendance on fam- ily of Selah Wheeler,	12 00
Wells & Bardwell, for clothing for pauper,	5 00
Mrs. Dulligan, for care of Mary Ryan,	45 00
R. H. Belden, cash p'd and care of paupers,	18 10
Wm. H. Dickinson, cash paid for clothing and care of paupers,	24 20
L. S. Bliss, for keeping transient paupers,	27 50
	<hr/> \$380 45

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid H. S. Porter, for loss of horse and other damage at Hill Bridge,	\$325 00
A. M. Peck, cash paid for repairs on Hearse,	25 00
A. M. Peck, recording deaths and work on burying grounds,	13 00
Charles D. Bartlett, for repairs on School House,	5 00
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Forward,	\$368 00

Brought Forward,

\$368 00

Wm. D. Billings, for services as clerk, and recording,	34 90
Leander Cooley, for services as Assessor,	37 50
H. P. Billings, " " "	53 75
C. K. Morton, " " "	50 00
J. S. Wells, for services as Treasurer and cash paid,	27 25
Wm. H. Dickinson, for cash paid for repairs on Town Hall and School Houses,	7 26
James Porter, for cash paid for repairs on School Houses,	19 00
R. H. Belden, cash paid for Stoves and repairs, books and furniture for Schools,	67 95
G. W. Dickinson, for services as Collector and Constable,	117 00

 \$782 61

SCHOOLS.

Paid Miss M. J. Strong, services as teacher, \$219 00

Miss Julia Ballentine, " "	126 50
Miss Lizzie A. Smith, " "	170 00
Miss Nellie M. Dayton, " "	96 00
Miss Ruth E. Livermore, " "	56 00
Mrs. Mary E. Miller, " "	176 00
Miss Fanny O. Morgan, " "	36 00
Miss Mary S. Smith, " "	39 00
Miss Fanny Stearns, " "	32 50
Miss Mary Kellogg, " "	84 00
Miss Emma Rhoad, " "	66 00
Miss Ella M. Graves, " "	36 00
Miss Augusta Porter, " "	90 00
J. E. Miller, " "	50 00
A. J. Tittsworth, " "	135 00
C. W. Rhoad, for board of Teachers,	96 00
Geo. C. Marsh, " "	48 00
L. S. Bliss, " "	228 00
N F. Abells, " "	52 60

Forward,

 \$1,836 60

Brought Forward,	\$1,836 60
Horace Wait, for board of Teachers,	113 50
Chas. E. Hubbard, " " "	176 00
Oscar Belden, " " "	40 00
Rev. Wm. L. Bray, " " "	76 00
Elihu Marsh, " " "	40 00
Philos Doane, for sawing wood,	26 83
John Karon, " " "	7 00
Horace Wait, for wood furnished,	1 00
John E. Wait, for sawing wood,	6 00
Wm. B. Langdon, for brooms furnished,	70
J. T. & G. C. Fitch, for wood furnished,	104 92
Fitch & Porter, " " " "	24 00
Wm. H. Dickinson, " " " "	26 75
Wells & Bardwell, Merchandize for Schools,	1 58
Henry G. Moore, for board of teacher,	48 00
	<hr/> \$2,528 88

STATE AID.

Paid Mrs. Mary Richards,	\$96 00
Mrs. Clara W. Vining,	96 00
Mrs. Ursula B. Graves,	96 00
Mrs. Ruth S. Dennis,	96 00
Mrs. Minerva Anderson,	96 00
E. L. Covill,	18 00
	<hr/> \$498 00

TOWN AID.

Paid Mrs. Ursula B. Graves,	\$88 33
Mrs. Helen M. Wait,	37 34
Mrs. Clara W. Vining,	35 34
	<hr/> \$161 01

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Note of Miss Sophia Smith and interest,	\$342 88
Payments to School Districts for School Houses.	
Paid District No. 1,	\$194 00
" " 2,	816 00
" " 3,	1,200 00
" " 4,	138 00
" " 5,	650 08
	<hr/> \$2,998 08

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasurer's hands, March 23, 1868,	\$395 80
Amount of Taxes assessed,	13,790 19
O. C. Shumway, balance due as Liquor Agent,	71 40
W. P. Strickland, from License fees,	50 00
L. S. Bliss, percentage on liquors sold,	4 74
State Treasurer, re-imbursement of State aid,	576 00
“ “ Corporation Tax,	427 80
State School Fund,	129 18
Fitch & Porter, for Drain Pipe,	25 00

\$15,470 11

DISBURSEMENTS.

State Tax,	\$2,840 00
County Tax,	1,618 05
Note of Miss Sophia Smith and Interest,	342 88
State Aid,	498 00
Town Aid,	161 01
Old Bills,	469 77
Schools,	2,528 88
Highways and Bridges,	1,615 61
Paupers,	380 45
Miscellaneous Expenses,	782 61
Assessors' Orders of Abatement,	35 97
State Sealer of Weights and Measures,	10 50
School Districts,	2,998 08

\$14,281 81

Balance in hands of Collector and Treasurer, 1,188 30

\$15,470 11

WM. H. DICKINSON,

R. H. BELDEN,

J. T. FITCH,

} Selectmen
of
Hatfield.

JOSEPH S. WELLS, *Treasurer.*

Hatfield, March 22d, 1869.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
School Committee
OF THE
TOWN OF HATFIELD,
For the Year Ending April, 1869.

The Town at their last annual meeting having abolished the School Districts, and thereby relieving Prudential Committees from all responsibility respecting the Schools and care of School Houses, increased the duties of the General Committee to a greater extent than on any previous year. The procuring of Teachers, supplying them with boarding places, as well as the more minute wants of each School, we have endeavored to attend to, to the best of our ability; and if any School has suffered in consequence of any failure to be prompt in these minute obligations, it has not been from any unwillingness on our part to supply each and every need. It is not our design at this time to discuss the workings or merits of the present system, in comparison with the old one. At the same time it is obvious to all that every little want cannot be as promptly and conveniently supplied, by a Committee who may be living from one to two miles from a School House, as if they were residing in the immediate vicinity. It has been our aim to retain those Teachers who have proved themselves efficient and successful.

All the Schools in the Town have been continued an equal length of time, thus giving to our children the advantages of thirty-four weeks' schooling.

By vote of the Town Twenty Five Hundred Dollars was raised for the support of Schools.

The amount received from the State School Fund, was one hundred and twenty-nine dollars and eighteen cents, (\$129,18.)

There has been expended for the High School, exclusive of wood and other incidental expenses, - \$411 50

For Schools on the Hill,	-	-	-	-	538 00
" " in the Street,	-	-	-	-	552 00
" " at the Farms,	-	-	-	-	358 50
" " at West Brook,	-	-	-	-	229 00
" " at West Hatfield,	-	-	-	-	273 00

There have been fourteen different Teachers employed in our Schools. Three have been continued through the year.

By the Assessor's returns we find that the number of children in Town between the ages of five and fifteen to be 291.

We find the greatest number of pupils in our Schools at any one time, to be 357. The average attendance in Summer, 241; Fall, 229; Winter, 275.

It will not be our aim to particularize in regard to the different Schools, but say in a word that the Teachers were all sufficiently qualified in literary attainments, to do what was expected of them, and though we found in some instances success was more marked than others, still on the whole we think the progress made will compare favorably with other years. We could point to Schools that have been models of good order, and a commendable degree of ambition excited, which made it evident to every close observer that not only the time during school-hours was fully improved, but that the stimulus created during the six hours of the day, was carried into the home circle.

It gives us pleasure to notice that in some Schools there has been effort put forth by the scholars in regard to punctuality, so that they were able to show against their names at the close of school a clean register, and we also notice that there has been quite a number who have made clean work through the entire year, (not having been tardy or absent once.) This is a step in the right direction.

Allusion was made in last year's report to delinquencies in this respect by those whose registers show from year to year continued indifference in attendance. We still desire that our Foreign population could see that their children by their inconstancy, not only are losers themselves, but are great obstacles to others who would make progress.

Much has been already written in previous Reports, respecting School Houses, and in bringing up this subject again it may seem to appear like trespassing upon the patience of our townsmen. We allude to what was said in last year's report, namely, —that the good judgment and wisdom of our people would actuate them in the erection of new School Houses.

That there is much that needs to be done, without delay, in the way of rebuilding and repairing, is evident to all. Still we feel confident that the Town will by their action decide as to the better course to be pursued in regard to this whole matter. And when this shall have been accomplished we would like to see all our Schools supplied with a new set of Geographical Outline Maps, as the present ones are nearly worn out.

Much has been said, and much more might be said, with reference to the importance of looking well to the education of our children, but we will close this Report with a single remark:—

Education which is practical, thereby giving a large amount of general information with corresponding moral and religious instruction, should ever be our aim in our appropriations.

REUBEN H. BELDEN,	}	<i>School Committee</i>
JAMES PORTER,		<i>of the</i>
THADDEUS GRAVES,		<i>Town of Hatfield.</i>

THE TOWN RAISED BY TAX, \$2,500 00.

RECEIVED FROM THE STATE SCHOOL FUND, \$129 18.

Schools taught by	Length of Schools in Months.		Whole Number of Scholars.		Average Attendance.		Amount paid to each Teacher.			No. of Scholars under Five Years.		No. of Scholars over Fifteen Years.	
	Sum. Fall.	Win.	Sum. Fall.	Win.	Sum. Fall.	Win.	Summer.	Fall.	Winter.	Sum. Fall.	Win.	Sum. Fall.	Win.
High School.	3	2½	30	33	25	27	\$114 00	\$111 00	\$211 50				
Hill Schools.	{ Miss Ballantine,												
	{ A. J. Tinsworth,												
	{ Miss L. A. Smith,		3	29	23½	22¾	108 00	90 00	108 00	2		1	1
	{ Miss Nell M. Dayton.		3	50	33	23	78 00	70 00	84 00	1			
South Center.	{ Mary E. Miller,		3	49	40	39	96 00	80 00	90 00				
	{ Augusta A. Porter,			50	45	37							
North Center.	{ Mary J. Strong,		3	50	40	37	102 00	80 00	104 00	1			
	{ Miss Kello ⁵¹ ,			49	50	38							
	{ Mary S. Smith,		3	29	20	41	87 00	72 50		4			
	{ Fannie S. Stearns,			30	29	23½							
West Farms.	{ Ella M. Graves,												
	{ J. E. Miller,		3		21	19½	75 00	70 00	84 00	2			
	{ Fannie Morgan,				29	24							
West Brook.	{ Emma Rod,		3	33	23½	23½	102 00	75 00	93 00				
	{ Ruth E. Livermore,			31	37	30½							
West Hatfield.	{ Mary J. Strong,		3	49	33	47							
	{ Mary J. Strong,			57	63								

REPORTS
OF THE
SELECTMEN
AND
SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
OF THE
Town of Hatfield,
FOR THE YEAR 1869-70.

NORTHAMPTON:
TRUMBULL & GERE, STEAM PRINTERS.
1870.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

In making our Report of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Town for the past year, we find a large indebtedness, owing principally, to the greatly increased cost of repairing damages done to Highways and Bridges, by the heavy rains and high freshets.

At the commencement of the year, the Town owned but one horse, which it was deemed best to dispose of, and to purchase a new team. We therefore procured a double team, at a cost of \$500.00, disposing of the old horse for the sum of \$38.00. These horses are now on hand in an improved condition.

We were unable to secure the services of Mr. Chaffin, upon the Highways, owing to previous engagements. A contract was therefore made with C. N. Coleman, to take charge of the Roads and Team, at a cost of \$3 per day. We also hired Mr. Warner, at a cost of \$2.25 per day. They have devoted their time upon the Roads and Bridges, to our entire satisfaction.

We have rebuilt one bridge upon the Swamp road near the Depot, and the bridge over Mill river, at "Middle Going Over," and also put in a new bridge at West Brook, on the new road near Luman Crafts'. The stone culvert, near the saw mill of Fitch Bros. & Porter, has been rebuilt and enlarged in the most substantial manner.

We recommend the rebuilding of the stone bridge, at "Bridge Pond." It is now too small to carry the water in heavy rains.

The "Mill Bridge" is so much decayed that we deem it unsafe for the heavy travel over it. Before rebuilding, we recommend that the Town ascertain the cost and duration of an iron bridge, as compared with one of wood. Although the first cost will be greater, we think in the end, it will be economy to build of iron. There is serious danger that the "Mill River" will cut a channel across the road east of the "Hill Bridge," unless measures are taken to prevent further wearing of the bank in Mr. Hubbard's lot.

The roads throughout the Town are generally in a bad condition, and a largely increased appropriation will be necessary for their repair and maintenance the coming year. We believe it to be the true policy of the Town, to appropriate such annual sums as will allow of a more thorough system of repairs, than can be done with the usual appropriation. The total cost of the Highways and Bridges the past year, amounts to \$4,392.10.

The expenses of keeping the town team during the year, are as follows:—For hay and straw, \$252.09; meal, \$198.58; total, \$450.67. There is due the Town for earnings of the team the past winter, about \$50.00.

There has been an increased expense for support of Paupers the past year. Oliver Bardwell and Francis Abbott still remain at the hospitals in Brattleboro and Northampton. Asa Wells has been fully supported since last May. William Wells has also received full support nearly half of the year. They are both now, and probably will be, a charge upon the Town during life.

In November last, we received notice from the Overseers of the Poor of the city of Lowell, that Mrs. Jane Baldwin, who claimed a legal settlement in this Town, was in destitute circumstances, and in need of relief, which they had furnished, at the expense of this Town. Upon investigation, we were satisfied that the Town was legally liable, and therefore paid the bill presented, amounting to \$41.29. Martha Gillett, whose legal settlement is believed to be in the city of Salem, is now sick at Horace Wait's, and provided for at the expense of the Town. Legal notice of this fact has been served upon that city, but no reply has been received. The agents appointed by this Town, have settled with the Town of Whately, for the support of Eunice Bardwell, paying \$219.45.

The Town Hall has been improved, by repairing and painting blinds, at a cost of \$225.00.

The Public Library has been removed to the vestry, and has been enlarged by the addition of the "Smith Library," and about thirty new volumes purchased this year. Nearly one hundred families regularly avail themselves of its privileges. We think a liberal appropriation, by the Town, for its support, will be money well invested.

The State Tax is not yet paid, owing partly to the difficulty the Collector has experienced in collecting taxes, and partly that the money has been used for other purposes. There is an action against the Town for damages received on the highways, brought by Philetus Averill of North Amherst, now pending before the courts.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EXPENDITURES.

Old Bills.

Paid A. D. Sweet, wood furnished,	\$28 00	
L. Chaffin, cash paid for hay,	11 62	
Wm. H. Dickinson, services as Selectman,	55 00	
J. T. Fitch, " "	25 00	
R. H. Belden, " "	25 00	
T. Graves, services as School Committee,		
cash paid,	38 50	
Forward,		\$183 12

Brought Forward,		\$183 12
James Porter, services as School Com.	38 00	
R. H. Belden, " " "	35 00	
Miss Mary Kellogg, School Teacher,	6 00	
Town of Whately, cash, support of Eunice		
Bardwell,	219 45	
Fitch Bros. & Porter, meal furnished,	10 50	
J. T. & G. C. Fitch, wood furnished,	4 74	
Wells & Bardwell, books furnished,	5 00	
Inhabitants of Pantry, balance due on		
School House,	130 92	
Insane Asylum, Northampton, boarding		
F. Abbott,	98 99	
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		\$731 72

Highways and Bridges.

Paid Lewis Moran,	for labor,	\$29 25	
John Kiley,	" "	28 50	
C. N. Coleman,	" "	501 00	
E. Brainard,	" "	12 50	
J. A. Billings,	" "	10 00	
W. Boyle,	" "	14 00	
Oliver Warner,	" "	363 38	
J. Day,	" "	6 00	
C. D. Bardwell,	" "	19 00	
John McHugh,	" "	31 75	
J. E. Waite,	" "	25 00	
D. W. Wells,	" "	7 50	
P. Russell,	" "	5 00	
F. Dane,	" "	4 99	
W. P. Allis,	" "	20 00	
J. D. Brown,	" "	14 00	
S. G. Hubbard,	" "	5 00	
J. Morton,	" "	2 50	
F. Carl,	" "	40 50	
G. L. Marsh,	" "	22 00	
D. P. Morton,	" "	13 75	
L. Chaffin,	" "	118 00	
Forward,			<hr/>
			\$1,293 62

Brought Forward,		\$1,293 62
J. E. Porter,	for labor,	5 00
O. Childs,	" "	7 50
J. Carl & A. D. Sweet,	"	404 00
A. Allair, Jr.,	" "	62 00
Wm. Hurley,	" "	18 00
P. Balise,	" "	7 00
A. Remiard,	" "	70 00
R. Fitzgerald,	" "	27 00
T. O'Hara,	" "	9 00
C. L. Graves,	" "	57 50
H. Wade,	" "	28 50
D. B. Curtiss,	" "	6 00
E. F. Cooley,	" "	134 75
Wm. Butler,	" "	11 25
D. Vining,	" "	73 50
C. C. Hosford,	" "	7 00
H. Waite,	" "	6 00
L. Cooley,	" "	90 12
F. C. Anderson,	" "	8 50
E. Dickinson,	" "	43 00
D. Cooley,	" "	56 00
M. N. Hubbard,	" "	20 00
P. Merrick,	" "	8 00
L. Crafts,	" "	51 75
D. W. Allis,	" "	7 00
H. Anderson,	" "	77 50
C. S. Waite,	" "	12 50
H. Manchester,	" "	2 00
F. D. Billings,	" "	36 50
R. H. Belden,	" "	8 00
H. W. Field,	" "	7 00
L. G. Curtiss,	" "	3 00
C. N. Coleman,	cash paid for hay and straw,	69 50
Wm. Bancroft,	for hay and straw,	182 59
James Ryan,	for earth,	20 50
J. E. Wait,	" "	7 00
W. Hurley,	" "	6 75
		<hr/> \$2,944 83

Brought Forward,		\$2,944 83
J. A. Cutter,	for earth,	15 00
F. Teru,	" "	8 00
L. Chaffin,	" "	3 00
A. Allair,	" "	6 70
Charles Potter,	for stone	10 00
Fitch Bros. & Porter,	8185 lbs. meal,	190 58
" " " "	lumber,	428 68
J. T. & G. C. Fitch,	"	324 73
Fitch Bros. & Doane,	Blacksmithing,	80 92
S. W. Kingsley,	"	58 67
Batcheller & Dinsmore,	labor on bridges,	13 50
L. McIntire,	for tile,	219 14
Conn. R. R. R.,	freight on tile,	24 57
F. D. Billings,	cash paid freight,	8 88
E. A. Bardwell,	mdz.,	6 47
C. N. Coleman,	cash paid,	48 43
		<hr/> \$4,392 10

Paupers.

Paid F. D. Billings, expenses finding settlement of Paupers,		\$31 51
F. D. Billings,	cash paid for boarding Wm. and Asa Wells,	115 00
Bement Wait,	boarding Wm. & Asa Wells,	92 00
French & Abbott,	clothing, Wm. Wells,	12 70
Merritt Clark & Co.,	clothing Asa Wells,	20 75
P. Saffer,	expenses for burying George Shindler,	15 00
E. A. Bardwell,	mdz. for paupers,	9 78
Insane Asylum,	Northampton, boarding F. Abbott,	95 05
Fitch Bros. & Doane,	mdz. furnished F. Ballau,	10 00
S. M. Smith & Co.,	coffin and shroud for Geo. Shindler,	14 50
A. M. Peck,	for burying Geo. Shindler,	3 50

Forward,

\$419 79

Brought Forward,	\$419 79
Treasurer of Lowell, for assistance to Jane Baldwin,	41 29
A. Lewis, M. D., medical attendance J. Arratt, I. Lee, and Selah Wheeler,	48 00
Wm. H. Dickinson, cash paid board Wm. Wells,	12 00
Vermont Insane Asylum, support of O. Bardwell,	130 00
S. M. Smith & Co., coffin for Eliza Wheeler,	10 00
E. Proulx, care of Mary Ryan's child,	15 00
T. Cutter, keeping transient paupers,	5 00
L. S. Bliss, " " "	39 50
R. H. Belden, care John Arratt,	10 00
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	\$730 58

Miscellaneous Expenses.

Paid C. E. Hubbard for 1 pair Horses,	\$500 00
T. Porter, services as ferryman, and use of boat,	10 00
B. Warner, services as ferryman,	17 00
A. Allair, Jr., grading for school house,	20 00
H. S. Porter, " " "	251 00
L. & D. Cooley, land damages,	47 00
Eames & Sprague, stoves and spouting for Town Hall,	72 36
Batcheller & Dinsmore, repairs on Town Hall, blinds, etc.,	92 98
Wm. Daugherty, for painting blinds, and work on school houses,	82 00
F. D. Billings, cash paid for glass for hall, pauper register, etc.,	17 55
J. L. Sikes, moving school house, repairs on town hall,	35 26
Wm. B. Coleman, for ploughs and scraper,	45 00
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Forward,

\$1,190 15

Brought Forward,	\$1,190 15
L. Cooley, services as Assessor,	30 00
H. P. Billings, " " and cash pd.	49 75
C. L. Warner, " "	32 50
J. S. Wells, " as Treasurer,	26 50
L. McIntire, tile for school house,	29 52
H. Waite, repairs on school house, West Brook,	19 24
L. Crafts, repairs on school house, West Brook,	11 25
A. M. Peck, work on cemeteries and recording deaths,	9 40
Trumbull & Gere, for printing report and town orders,	45 00
T. Graves, cash paid for stove for school house,	12 06
W. D. Billings, services as Town Clerk, recording births,	39 25
G. W. Dickinson, collecting taxes, posting warrants, and cash,	86 60
James Porter, repairs on school house,	40 25
Mrs. S. F. Knight, cash paid repairs on school house,	13 75
E. A. Bardwell, mdz. for school houses,	1 17
	—————\$1,636 39

Schools.

Paid J. E. Miller,	services as teacher,	\$112 50
R. L. Bridgman,	" "	280 00
Miss Emma Dawes,	" "	30 00
Miss M. J. Strong,	" "	184 00
Miss Mary W. Kellogg,	" "	88 00
Miss Lizzie A. Smith,	" "	170 00
Miss Nellie Dayton,	" "	102 00
Miss Emma Rhoad,	" "	36 00
Miss Nellie M. Stearns,	" "	42 00
Miss S. G. Peckham,	" "	72 00

Forward,

\$1,116 50

Brought Forward,

\$1,116 50

Paid Mrs. N. T. Abells, services as teacher,	264 00
Miss Mary Moffat, " "	30 00
Miss Mary C. Billings, " "	96 00
Miss Nellie Miles, " "	48 00
Miss Clara Kingsley, " "	42 00
Wm. Daugherty, boarding teacher,	53 25
H. Waite, " "	48 00
C. E. Hubbard, " "	272 00
O. Belden, " "	48 00
Mrs. Alice Bardwell, " "	62 00
S. G. Hubbard, " "	72 00
C. C. Hosford, " "	40 00
I. Morton, " "	40 00
O. S. Graves, " "	36 00
C. A. Jones, " "	48 00
Mrs. S. F. Knight, " "	48 00
E. A. Bardwell, mdz. furnished schools,	14 59
P. Doane, sawing wood,	16 50
J. Porter, coal and crayons furnished,	70 57
H. Waite, wood furnished,	15 00
Fitch Bros. & Porter, wood furnished,	74 75
R. H. Belden, wood furnished,	23 25

 \$2,578 41

State Aid.

Paid Mrs. Mary Richards,	\$96 00
Mrs. Ruth S. Dennis,	96 00
Mrs. Ursula B. Graves,	96 00
Mrs. E. C. Anderson,	96 00
Mrs. Clara Vining,	96 00
E. L. Covill,	18 00

 \$498 00

Town Aid.

Paid Mrs. Ursula B. Graves,	\$91 66
Mrs. Clara Vining,	42 00
Mrs. Helen M. Waite,	31 67
Mrs. Lucy Field,	62 00

 \$227 33

School House.

Paid A. Allair, Jr., drawing stone,	\$190 75	
L. Chaffin, laying foundation,	50 00	
A. Allair, brick furnished,	988 75	
L. J. Macomber, laying brick and plastering,	900 00	
H. S. Porter, cash paid for stone and labor,	216 50	
L. McIntire, for hair and lime,	76 78	
H. S. Porter, cash paid A. M. Richmond and others,	3,077 22	
	<hr/>	5,500 00

Public Library.

Paid H. P. Billings, cash paid for cases,	\$28 23	
H. P. Billings, " " rebinding books,	5 50	
H. P. Billings, " " books,	38 27	
Trumbull & Gere, printing catalogues and labels,	28 00	
	<hr/>	\$100 00

Outstanding Debts.

Selectmen's Note to Osmyn Baker,	\$1,500 00	
State Tax,	3,550 00	
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Due the Town.

From the State on account of State Aid,	\$498 00	
" " " of Corporation Tax,	170 20	
	<hr/>	\$668 20

RECAPITULATION.

Receipts.

Balance in Treasurer's and Collector's hands, March 22, 1869,	\$1,188 30	
Amount Taxes Assessed,	16,948 48	
A. Allair, Jr., in Payment for Horse,	38 00	
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Forward,		\$18,174 78

Brought forward,	\$18,174 78
H. S. Gere, Dog Fund,	5 02
Samuel H. Dickinson, Money Borrowed,	300 00
Osmyn Baker, " "	1,500 00
H. S. Porter, in Payment for School House,	250 00
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	\$20,229 80

Expenditures.

County Tax,	\$1,618 05
Samuel H. Dickinson's Note and Interest,	301 50
Old Bills,	731 72
Highways and Bridges,	4,392 10
Paupers,	730 58
Miscellaneous Expenses,	1,636 39
Schools,	2,578 41
State Aid,	498 00
Town Aid,	227 33
Public Library,	100 00
Assessors' Order of Abatement,	114 85
School House,	5,500 00
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	\$18,428 93
Balance in hands of Collector and Treasurer, Mc'h 22,	1,800 87
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	\$20,229 80

F. D. BILLINGS,
L. G. CURTIS,
H. W. FIELD,

} *Selectmen*
} *of*
} *Hatfield.*

J. S. WELLS, *Treasurer.*

HATFIELD, March 22d, 1870.



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF HATFIELD,

For the Year Ending April, 1870.

Another year passed under the new state of things involved by the abolition of the District system, tends strongly to convince your Committee that our Legislature have acted wisely in this regard. Change is likely to involve confusion in minor details, and it is not surprising that Committees called to the unusual duties of attending to the minutest wants of numerous Schools, widely separated, at one and the same moment, should have been slow to have discovered the advantages of the change. But we think that experience will show that any judicious effort to disburse the gifts of education with an equal as well as open hand, must be conducive of more good than evil. No variation in length of terms is now experienced, as formerly, in different portions of the Town. All the Schools have continued for thirty-four weeks each.

Your Committee have expended for the various Schools as follows:—

For High School,	-	-	-	-	\$405 00
Hill,	-	-	-	-	544 00
Center,	-	-	-	-	544 00
North Hatfield,	-	-	-	-	355 50
West Brook,	-	-	-	-	250 00
West Hatfield,	-	-	-	-	256 00

Sixteen different teachers have been employed during the year, four of whom have continued during the entire three terms.

The whole attendance during the Summer was 306 ; Fall, 310 ; Winter 346. The average attendance in Summer, 282 ; Fall, 225 ; Winter, 272.

No. of scholars between 5 and 15 years of age in Hatfield, 294.

HIGH SCHOOL.

This School was conducted during the Summer by Miss L. G. Peckham of Providence, during the Fall and Winter by R. L. Bridgman of Amherst College, both of whom, we are convinced, labored with their best energies to advance the interests of the School. The building in which this School has been placed by the Town affords a decided obstacle to the attainment of the highest results by either Teacher or Pupils. The amount expended for fuel to heat this unnecessarily large room for the winter term of twelve weeks, falls but a little short of one hundred dollars, and even then the scholars are not ordinarily comfortable. This, together with the numerous annoyances and inconveniences arising from the occupancy of so public a building, induce your Committee to suggest to the Town the propriety of furnishing at an early day, accommodations for this School, either temporary or permanent, that shall better comport with the character of the Town and the wants of the School. Your Committee have felt here during the past year, as they have before felt, a slight want of parental support ; which support, desirable at all

times, is doubly necessary in a School so recently established and confessedly an experiment.

The other Schools of the Town have been conducted during the year by able and efficient Teachers, who have, as a whole, labored faithfully and with more than usual success to promote the education of the young. Reading and spelling, those homely branches which had fallen sadly into disrepute in these later days, have seemed, in quite a number of our Schools, to revive within the past year, and bid fair in time to receive again their just proportion of attention. The aim of the Common School is to lay a firm foundation, upon the solidity of which depends the character of the structure subsequently built. In the Common School, mere gloss and elegancies should give place to the solid materials of education. In what was formerly District No. 1, the Town have with noteworthy liberality erected within the past year, a commodious and elegant School building, ample for the wants of the School and meeting in every respect the wishes of its advocates. From trial we are convinced that this is a step in the right direction, and trust that the Town will in its discretion erect suitable buildings in other portions of the Town where such improvements are needed.

JAMES PORTER,	}	<i>School Committee</i>
MRS. FANNY KNIGHT,		
THADDEUS GRAVES,		
		<i>of the</i>
		<i>Town of Hatfield.</i>

THE TOWN RAISED FOR SCHOOLS, \$2,500 00.

	Schools taught by.	Length of Schools in Months.		Whole Number of Scholars.		Average Attendance.		Amount paid to each Teacher.		No. of Scholars under 5 years of age.		No. of Scholars over 15 years of age.	
		Sum.	Fall.	Win.	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	Summer.	Fall.	Winter.	Sum.	Fall.	Win.
		Sum.	Fall.	Win.	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	Summer.	Fall.	Winter.	Sum.	Fall.	Win.
High School.	{ Miss L. G. Peckham, R. L. Bridgman.	3	2½	3	24	18 1-7	24	\$125 00	\$100 00	\$180 00			
Hill Schools.	{ Miss L. A. Smith, Miss Nell M. Dayton.	3	2½	3	27	22 74	22 97	108 00	90 00	108 00			4
North Center.	{ Mary W. Kellogg, Nellie M. Miles.	3	2½	3	44	31 7	28 3	84 00	70 00	84 00	1	2	
	{ Mary J. Strong, Mary C. Billings.	3	2½	3	53	39 45	38	96 00	80 00	96 00	2		
South Center.	{ Nellie M. Stearns, Addie C. Moffitt.	3	2½	3	44	32 11-40	29 43	96 00	80 00	96 00	1		
North Hatfield	{ Clara A. Kingsley, Joseph E. Miller.	3	2¼	3	31	27 1-6	24	90 00	63 00	90 00		1	
	{ Emma Rhoad, Emily A. Dawes.	3	2¼	3	38	28 5-6	28	84 00	70 00	96 00	1	1	12
West Brook.	{ Mary J. Strong. Lizzie Abells.	3	2½	3	45	32 1-6	30 1-3	90 00	70 00	96 00	2		
West Hatfield.		3	2½	3	54	32 1-6	30 1-3	90 00	70 00	96 00	1	2	4

REPORTS

OF THE

Selectmen

AND

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

Town of Hatfield,

For the Year 1870-71.



NORTHAMPTON:
TRUMBULL & GERE, STEAM PRINTERS.
1871.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Hatfield :

Your Board of Selectmen herewith present a statement of their doings, and also an account of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Town for the past year.

It will be seen upon referring to the account of expenses for Highways and Bridges, that it largely exceeds that of the previous year. This is owing partly to the very bad condition of the same at the commencement of the year, and partly to the increased expense in the manner of rebuilding Bridges, adopted by the Selectmen. Upon examination of the Roads and Bridges we found them in a worse condition than we expected. Quite a number of Culverts and small Bridges had fallen in, owing to the sluiceways being too small, and needed rebuilding. There were also two large Bridges at West Brook, that required rebuilding. Upon consultation, we, (acting upon the principle "that work well done is twice done,") decided to rebuild and enlarge the Bridges at West Brook, laying the abutments and pier of heavy stone in cement. The work was done by Mr. Chaffin, in such a manner that we believe that it will be many years before they will need repairing. We have also rebuilt a number of smaller Bridges, in all cases laying the abutments of stone, and when not too wide, covering them with the same. We have rebuilt and enlarged the stone Culvert at "Bridge Pond," in accordance with our recommendation of last year.

The Mill Bridge was repaired by the Committee chosen for the purpose, so that, in their opinion, it is safe for the present. We believe that the Hill Bridge is also safe for another year. It

probably will be necessary to rebuild two of the Bridges south of the house of Henry R. Graves ; also to rebuild or repair two at "Middle Going Over " We have covered, according to the vote of the Town, four Bridges at West Brook, at a cost of \$40 each, but were unable to procure lumber for more until too late in the season. During the Summer we received numerous complaints of the condition of the road leading from the upper part of the Hill to Northampton. Owing to the long season of dry weather, the road had become so worn that the public travel was seriously impeded. After consulting with various persons, and much deliberation, we decided that the public interests required that the road should be repaired, which was accordingly done at an expense of about \$900. We have also erected new Guide Boards at all needed points throughout the Town.

The expense for keeping the town team has been as follows :—
Hay and straw, \$152.37 ; meal, \$197 ; total, \$349.37.

At the close of the season for work on Highways, it was thought advisable to sell the horses rather than be at the expense of keeping them through the winter. They were sold, together with the harness, to Mr. Edwin Harris, for the sum of \$500, he giving his note for the same, payable April 1st.

The total expense for Highways and Bridges the past year has been \$5,920.10.

The Pauper account shows a slightly diminished expense from that of last year.

Francis Abbott and Oliver Bardwell still remain at the Hospitals at Northampton and Brattleboro. Wm. and Rolla Wells are and probably will be an expense to the Town for the ensuing year. We have received from the city of Salem, the sum of \$92.50, for the support of Martha Gillette, whose legal settlement was in that city, which sum and \$13.29, received from Benj. Laundry for assistance rendered, deducted from the amount expended for Paupers, leaves the sum of \$786.33 as the actual expense for Paupers the past year.

The suit of Philetus Averill against the Town, for damage sustained on the highway, which was pending at the time of our last report, has since been settled by a verdict against the Town of \$60, and cost of court, which sum, with our own counsel fees and cost, amount to \$489.85, which has been paid.

At a special meeting, called for the purpose, the Town voted to build new School Houses for the Center and West Brook, appropriating \$7,000 for the former, and \$3,000 for the latter, which last appropriation has been paid, together with \$1,230 from the former appropriation, leaving a balance in the Treasury for the Center School House, of \$5,770.

The Town appropriated \$250 for the purpose of repairing the old Burial Ground. This has been done by leveling and re-seeding the grounds, re-setting the stones and repairing the fence, at an expense of \$223.25. If it is designed to surround the whole or any part of the grounds with a hedge, we think now is the proper time for it to be done, as the present fence will be a sufficient protection to the hedge until grown.

Fifty dollars was also appropriated for the improvement of the Burial Ground at West Hatfield. Of this sum, \$14.62 has been expended, which, by mistake, has been charged to account of Highways.

There is now due on account of Public Library, the sum of \$50 in addition to \$211.25 paid.

We have made a settlement with the Treasurer, and find that there remains in the Treasury, after paying all outstanding orders to date of this report, \$912.87.

We have also examined the Collector's account, and find that the amount of taxes still uncollected is \$6,119.83, making the total amount in the hands of the Treasurer and Collector, \$7,032.70. It will require, in addition to the above sum, to make good the appropriations for the past year, and pay Note and interest of L. G. Curtis to date, \$897.30. There are also outstanding bills to the amount of \$100. We recommend that the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for the payment of said Note and bills.

EXPENDITURES.

OLD BILLS.

Paid Wm. Lyons, labor on highways,	\$5 00
S. M. Smith & Co., chairs and settees for	
School House,	59 89
F. G. Bardwell, wood, School West Farms,	8 12
Thaddeus Graves, labor moving Hill	
School House,	6 00
H. S. Porter, account Hill School House,	500 00
F. D. Billings, services as Selectman,	105 00
L. G. Curtis, " " "	35 00
H. W. Field, " " "	25 00
Thaddeus Graves, services as School Com.	39 63
Jas. Porter, " " " "	37 00
Mrs. S. F. Knight, " " " "	17 25
Expenses Com. to Boston, Jan., 1870,	100 00
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	\$937 89

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid John Laird,	\$10 50
Richard Orman,	65 50
John McHugh,	69 00
Lewis Moran,	12 00
Jerry Stone,	4 00
Moses Remiard,	222 67
Augustus Remiard,	204 50
John E. Waite,	3 50
John E. Waite, earth,	7 30
Patrick Merrick,	30 00
Lorens Seitz,	4 50
Chas. N. Coleman,	588 25
Chas. N. Coleman, cash paid for sundries,	37 30
F. D. Billings, " " " labor,	37 00
Wm. Bancroft, hay, 7675 lbs.,	107 75
Joseph Stoddard,	3 50
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Forward,	\$1,407 27

Brought Forward,	\$1,407 27
Paid Wm. B. Coleman, hay, 2244 lbs.,	
straw, 2382 lbs.,	47 62
Alonzo Sweet,	286 50
John La Mountain,	54 50
Lysander Chaffin,	972 63
Seth W. Kingsley, bolts for bridge,	7 00
H. Gray & Sons, cement,	67 50
Anthony Allair, Jr.,	27 50
Conn. River R. R.,	10 36
Patrick Boyle, labor \$6, earth \$5,	11 00
Jacob Carl,	192 75
L. McIntire, tile \$186 80, cement \$6,	192 80
Fred. Carl,	128 00
Chas. D. Bartlett,	43 00
Joseph Capistray,	19 50
Joseph Proulx,	24 00
F. D. Billings,	61 00
Peter Pecure,	69 50
Paul La Mountain,	26 00
Joseph,	37 00
James A. Cutter, for earth,	15 00
James Porter,	14 00
E. F. Cooley,	85 00
Edward Graves,	20 00
Henry Zondler,	14 00
Daniel A. Vining,	69 50
Francis Frary,	12 00
Charles Frary,	6 00
Alfred Cleval,	16 50
Leander Cooley,	42 00
Lysander Cooley,	8 00
Herrick Anderson,	168 25
Philip Carl,	152 00
Charles L. Graves,	5 00
John Goodchild,	7 50
Mrs. Buckley,	2 50

Forward,

\$4,322 68

Brought Forward,	\$4,322 68
Paid Geo. W. Smith, making guide boards,	7 16
Henry Manchester,	21 00
M. N. Hubbard,	42 50
Wm. Daugherty, painting guide boards,	49 00
F. D. Billings, cash paid for lumber and tile	12 00
Moses C. Porter, repairs on Mill Bridge,	7 50
Henry R. Graves,	11 00
Fitch Bros. & Porter, meal, 8600 lbs.,	197 00
Fitch Bros. & Porter, lumber,	252 99
Anthony Allair, Jr., earth,	42 80
J. T. & G. C. Fitch, lumber,	383 39
Fitch Bros. & Doane, mdse.,	9 43
Fitch Bros. & Doane, blacksmith's bill,	56 75
Dwight S. Strong,	14 62
Elisha Hubbard,	77 00
Edward Pr��ulx,	21 00
James Finland,	2 00
L. S. Crafts, labor \$35, earth \$10,	45 00
Oliver Goodchild,	11 50
D. P. Morton,	15 00
A. M. Peck,	5 10
E. A. Bardwell, mdse.,	11 76
Chas. K. Morton,	73 50
S. G. Hubbard, lumber,	118 39
Peter Saffer,	47 00
L. G. Curtis, nails,	24
Horace Shumway,	17 50
D. W. Wells,	3 50
J. T. & G. C. Fitch, balance lumber bill,	18 29
J. D. Brown,	2 50
F. D. Billings,	5 00
H. A. Wade,	16 00
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STATE AID.

Paid Mrs. Mary Richards,	\$40 00
Mrs. Clara W. Vining,	96 00

Forward,

\$136 00

Brought Forward,	\$136 00	
Paid Mrs. E. C. Anderson,	96 00	
Mrs. Ruth S. Dennis,	96 00	
Mrs. U. B. Graves,	96 00	
E. L. Covill,	18 00	
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TOWN AID.

Paid Mrs. Helen M. Waite,	\$36 01	
Mrs. Clara W. Vining,	32 66	
Mrs. U. B. Graves,	86 67	
Mrs. Lucy Field,	33 34	
	<hr/>	\$188 68

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid H. P. Billings, cash paid for Books,	\$194 25	
Batcheller & Dinsmore,	4 50	
D. M. Rice, for Books,	12 50	
	<hr/>	\$211 25

PAUPERS.

Paid Hospital for Insane, Northampton, board of Francis Abbott,	\$192 81	
J. B. Wait, boarding Wm. & Asa Wells,	180 00	
Horace Wait, boarding Martha Gillette,	78 00	
Assistance rendered B. Laundry,	15 50	
S. M. Smith & Co., Coffins,	42 50	
Dr. M. Harwood, attendance A. Wells,	13 50	
F. D. Billings, cash paid for boots for R. Wells,	4 50	
Fitch Bros. & Porter, wood,	3 50	
Fitch Bros. & Doane, mdse for Dennis Dowd,	8 58	
Cash paid assistance Mrs. Rhoades,	3 00	
Dr. A. Lewis, medical attendance and services,	39 50	
E. A. Bardwell, mdse.,	11 82	
L. S. Bliss, keeping transient paupers,	41 50	
L. G. Curtis, cash paid,	10 62	
A. M. Peck, burial paupers,	7 00	
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Forward,		\$652 33

Brought Forward,	\$652 33	
Paid Benj. Laundry, mdse.,	\$ 2 79	
Hospital for Insane, Brattleboro, Vt.,		
board of Oliver Bardwell,	130 00	
B. Wait, board Wm. and R. Wells,	112 00	
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		\$897 12
Rec'd from city of Salem, sup. Martha Gillette,	\$92 50	
Rec'd from Benj. Laundry, assistance rend.	18 29	
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	\$110 79	
Appropriation,	800 00	\$910 79

SCHOOL HOUSE, WEST BROOK.

Paid C. C. & C. B. Dickinson, site for school		
house,	\$140 00	
Cash paid Horace Waite, Chairman build-		
ing committee,	2,218 00	
Anthony Allair, Jr., brick,	642 00	
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		\$3,000 00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid A. M. Peck, labor, burial ground,	\$23 50	
Peck & Pierce, ins. on Hill School House		
and Town Hall,	152 00	
L. P. Dole, labor on Hill School House,	27 60	
Mrs. S. F. Knight, cash paid repairs on		
school house,	14 25	
Seth W. Kingsley, for Harrow,	5 00	
Harvey Kirkland, Ins. on Town Hall,	45 50	
James Porter, grading at Hill School		
House,	25 00	
John McHugh, labor on old burying ground	45 00	
Michael Boyle, " " " "	43 00	
John O'Neil, " " " "	20 00	
Stephen S. Squires " " " "	48 00	
Charles Frary, " " " "	52 00	
Fitch Bros. & Porter, posts, old " "	10 00	
F. D. Billings, grass seed and nails old		
burying ground,	7 25	

Forward,

\$518 10

Brought Forward,	\$518 10
Leander Cooley, services as Assessor,	42 50
H. P. Billings, " "	53 63
Charles L. Warner, " "	40 00
Mrs. S. F. Knight, cash paid for cleaning school houses,	6 00
Expenses contesting will of Sophia Smith,	547 18
Wm. Daugherty, repairs on school house,	10 50
F. D. Billings, cash paid for advertising,	3 25
Geo. W. Hubbard, Note and Interest Os- myn Baker,	1,630 80
F. D. Billings, cash paid Delano & Ham- mond, damages and cost, P. Averill,	270 00
F. D. Billings, cash paid Delano & Ham- mond, legal advice, serv. as counsel,	124 85
F. D. Billings, cash paid witnesses, case Philetus Averill,	95 00
F. D. Billings, cash paid E. H. Fitts, dam- age received on highway,	30 00
Trumbull & Gere, printing reports, &c.,	41 50
Fitch Bros. & Doane, mdse. Hill school house,	5 36
Mrs. S. F. Knight, cash paid repairs school house.	5 50
O. Marsh, cash paid repairs school house,	4 00
Lysander Chaffin, erecting boundary stones,	4 00
A. M. Peck, labor on old Burial Ground,	7 00
A. M. Peck, returning deaths,	4 00
E. A. Bardwell, mdse. school houses,	7 60
S. G. Hubbard, surveying,	8 00
Thaddeus Graves, serv as School Com., and cash paid 1870 and 1871,	78 50
W. D. Billings, serv. as Clerk, recording births, deaths and marriages, cash p'd,	43 70
Horace Shumway, horse hire,	5 50
J. D. Brown, repairs school house,	2 25
E. A. Bardwell, services as Treasurer and cash paid,	27 00

Forward,

\$3,615 72

Brought Forward,	\$3,615 72
Paid R. H. Belden, cash paid for stove, repairs school house, &c.,	50 15
F. D. Billings, cash paid,	8 47
	<hr/> \$3,674 34

SCHOOLS.

Paid Miss M. W. Kellogg, teaching,	\$66 00
“ Nellie M. Dayton, “	73 50
“ Mary C Billings, “ and board,	272 00
“ Miss Isabella L. Parsons, teaching,	81 20
“ Nancy Marble, “	95 00
“ Delia Nims, “	69 00
“ Mary J. Strong, teaching and board	274 00
“ Minnie Strong, “	60 00
“ Lucy Sanderson, “	50 00
“ Clara Morton, “ and board,	70 00
Mrs. W. I. Bishop, “ “	88 00
Miss M. E. Cook, “	48 00
“ Etta Strong, “	72 00
“ Phelps, “	38 70
“ Rosa Miller, “	36 00
Mrs. S. F. Knight, board,	134 00
Chas. A. Jones, “	48 00
Chas. E. Hubbard, “	114 00
Thaddeus Graves, “	3 00
Mrs. M. J. Montville, board,	40 00
Chas. Rhoades, “	35 00
Wm. Daugherty, “	48 00
Mrs. M. E. Miller, “	88 00
M. C. Porter, “	48 00
Philos Doane, sawing wood,	27 25
P. L. Strong & Son, wood,	55 76
Horace Waite, “	17 00
Fitch Bros. & Porter, “	63 00
J. T. & G. C. Fitch, “	10 38
Chas. E. Hubbard, “	12 00

Forward,

\$2,136 79

Brought Forward,	\$2,136 75	
Paid F. D. Billings, coal and wood,	78 00	
Fitch Bros. & Doane, crayons,	1 75	
Miss Clara Kingsley, teaching,	119 00	
Mr. Butler, “	60 00	
Oscar Belden, board,	90 50	
Henry G. Moore, board,	40 00	
R. H. Belden, wood and coal,	49 00	
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CENTER SCHOOL HOUSE.

Paid Lysander Chaffin, for stone,	\$100 00	
Drawing stone,	130 00	
J. D. Billings for site,	1,000 00	
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OUTSTANDING DEBTS.

Selectmen and Treasurer's note and interest to L. G. Curtis, March 8th,	\$2,160 00
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DUE THE TOWN.

From Edwin Harris, April 1, for horses and harness,	\$500 00
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RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in hands of Collector and Treasurer, March 22, 1870,	\$1,800 87
Borrowed from L. G. Curtis,	2,500 00
“ “ Wm. H. Dickinson,	1,200 00
Forward	<hr/>
	\$5,500 87

Brought Forward	\$5,500 87
Received from State Treas., State Aid, 1868,	498 00
“ “ “ “ Corporation Tax, 1869,	231 20
“ “ “ “ Mass. School Fund,	148 10
“ “ City of Salem, support of Martha Gillett,	92 50
“ “ Chas. N. Coleman, use town team,	51 00
“ “ “ “ “ Hay,	5 00
Received from Town of Northampton, one-half damages paid E. H. Fitts,	15 00
Received from Town of Northampton, one-half expense boundary stone,	2 00
Received from State Treas., State Aid, 1869,	498 00
“ “ “ “ Corporation Tax, 1870,	231 72
“ “ “ “ Mass. School Fund,	182 18
“ “ Sale earth, old burying ground,	50 00
“ “ Benj. Laundry, for assistance rendered,	18 29
“ Rent Town Hall,	6 00
Amount Taxes Assessed,	30,206 41
Received from Harvey Kirkland, dividend on ins. pol.	18 20
“ “ County Treasurer, Dog Licenses,	87 24
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	\$37,841 71

EXPENDITURES.

State Tax and Interest, 1869,	\$3,664 71
“ “ “ “ 1870,	3,606 54
County Tax, 1870,	2,135 82
Wm. H. Dickinson's Note and Interest,	1,257 36
L. G. Curtis, on Note,	500 00
Amount refunded to Florence Sewing Machine Co., on account State,	44 28
State Aid,	442 00
Town Aid,	188 68
Old Bills,	937 89
Paupers,	897 12
Public Library,	211 25
Miscellaneous Expenses,	3,674 34
Highways and Bridges,	5,920 10

Forward,

\$23,480 09

Brought Forward,	\$23,480 09
Schools,	2,575 04
School House, West Brook,	3,000 00
“ “ Center,	1,230 00
S. H. Dickinson's Note and Interest,	473 88
Assessor's Order of Abatement,	50 00
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	\$30,809 01
Balance in hands of Collector and Treasurer March 8,	7,032 70
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	\$37,841 71

F. D. BILLINGS,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
L. G. CURTIS,	
H. W. FIELD,	

of
Hatfield.

E. A. BARDWELL, *Treasurer.*

HATFIELD, March 8, 1871.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
OF THE TOWN OF HATFIELD,
For the Year 1870-71.

The School Committee, in presenting their annual report of the condition of the several Public Schools are glad to be able to report generally, a good degree of prosperity for the past year, in all our Schools. The Teachers, for the most part, have been capable, faithful and diligent, and, though many obstacles still exist, have been able, not only to maintain the standing of former years, but have made some advancement and improvement, though the present age would seem to demand still more.

One great evil from which we suffer in all our Schools, is irregularity in attendance, which is not only a serious detriment to the absent pupil, who should by punctuality and diligence during the school session, strive to attain the highest possible rank, but an interruption of the various classes where such absenteeisms occur, thus materially affecting the progress

of the entire School. We would therefore earnestly ask parents and guardians to co-operate with the teachers, in securing regular and punctual attendance, so far as possible, thus by individual effort, promoting the general good, by the attainment of a higher standard of scholarship throughout the Town.

THE HIGH SCHOOL,

With Miss Delia Nims, teacher during the summer term, though still unfavorably located, was eminently successful. Miss Essie Strong, teacher during the fall and winter, also labored to advance the interests of the School.

When one great obstacle to its advancement shall have been removed, by the erection of a more spacious and commodious school building, we trust that what was commenced as an experiment, may result in the permanent establishment of a High School, second to none in New England.

THE HILL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

Taught by Miss Mary Kellogg, summer term; J. Lizzie Sanderson, fall term. The winter term was commenced by Miss Nancy Marble, who being soon removed by illness and subsequent death, her place was filled by Miss Hattie A. Phelps, for a short term.

The Primary department, in charge of Miss Nellie Dayton, summer and fall terms; Miss Rosalie Miller, winter term.

SOUTH CENTER.

This School has been conducted by Miss Mary C. Billings, an experienced and successful teacher, during the entire year.

NORTH CENTER.

This School has been much improved under the faithful and efficient care of Miss Nancy Marble, during the summer and fall, succeeded by Miss Sue M. Cooke for the winter term.

WEST HATFIELD.

Miss Belle M. Parsons, teacher, summer term; Miss Clara Morton, fall; Mrs. Mary A. Bishop, winter. The progress has been good, and the School, as a whole, successful.

	Length of Schools in Months.			Number of Scholars.			Average Attendance.			No. of Scholars under 5 years of Age.			No. of Scholars over 15 years of age.			Wages of Teachers per month.
	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	
High School.	3	2½	3	29	29	28	23.5	23.5	22.8				5	7	7	\$40 00
Hill, Grammar.	3	2½	2½	24	21	37	20	28-55	19.03	30	7-12				2	34 00
Hill, Primary.	2½	2½	3	45	38	43	39.52	32.4	22	1-2		2				00 00
Center North.	3	2½	3	48	43	41	33.3	31.5	30	5-6				1		00 00
Center South.	3	2½	3	45	44	48	36	19-60	37.3	38		1			2	32 00
West Hatfield.	3	2½	23½	37	42	52	25	1-2	31½	36		1			8	30 00
North Hatfield.	3	2½	2	27	23	20	11	19	12			2	1			30 00
West Brook.	3	2½	3	28	32	37	17	1-30	26	28	1-5	2	1	1	2	32 00

REPORTS
OF THE
SELECTMEN
AND
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF HATFIELD,
FOR THE YEAR 1871-2.



NORTHAMPTON :
TRUMBULL & GERE, STEAM PRINTERS.
1872.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen herewith present to the inhabitants of the town, the following statement of facts, and the amount of expenses for the past year.

According to the vote of the Town at the last annual meeting, the ordinary repairs of Highways have been done under the direction of Surveyors, chosen by the Town, by a labor tax. We find upon an examination of the accounts of such of the Surveyors as have presented their bills to us, that they have either collected in money or caused to be worked in a satisfactory manner, the amount of tax bills as assigned them by the Assessors. We have rebuilt one bridge south of Henry R. Graves, and had made some preparation for rebuilding one at "Middle Going Over," but were prevented from completing it by the early commencement of winter. It will be necessary the coming season to finish that one, and also to rebuild the one near the house of N. E. Strong. Owing to a change in the manner of raising money for the repairs of Highways, it will be necessary for the town to adopt some other method, than the one pursued last year.

We have to report an increase of expense in our Pauper account. Rolla Wells has been wholly supported the past year, and we have also been called upon for temporary relief more than in former years. The Town voted that under certain conditions, they would purchase five of the New England Fire Ex-

tinguishers, appropriating for that purpose \$4,000, and appointed the Selectmen a Committee to procure the same. Although the above conditions were not wholly complied with, we, acting as we believe for the best interests of the Town, have purchased two at an expense of Sixteen (\$1,600) Hundred Dollars.

A portion of the money appropriated for the above, has been used for the payment of other debts; the balance still stands to the credit of the Town, in the hands of the Collector.

The old School House at West Brook has been sold, and in compliance with the vote of the Town, the proceeds were paid over to the building committee of the new House in that District. The Burial Ground at West Brook, and the fence around the same, has been repaired, at an expense of Seventy Five (\$75) dollars. We have also contracted for, to be delivered in the spring, a sufficient supply of Evergreen Trees, to enclose the West and North sides of the Old Burial Ground on the Hill.

The matter of repairing the Town Hall, together with one or two minor matters, have, owing to circumstances, been delayed, but we think that they should be attended to by our successors in office.

By special vote the Treasurer was instructed to borrow a sufficient sum of money, to pay the balance of the State tax, above what should be allowed us as credit from the State. Also a sum not exceeding Twenty One Hundred (\$2,100) Dollars, for the building of the new School House. For these purposes he has borrowed for State Tax, Nine Hundred (\$900) Dollars, and for the School House One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars.

Owing to the "general scarcity" of money, the Collector has found himself unable, without resorting to extreme measures, to collect the taxes as fast as they were needed. For this reason there are outstanding orders, still unpaid, to the amount of Fourteen Hundred, (\$1,400) Dollars, as well as the County Tax, \$2,329.99. We think that the Town should take measures to provide for the immediate payment of the above. We find upon examination of the Collector's account, that there still remains

to be collected, the sum of \$5,922.66, which amount, after paying all the outstanding debts, except the two Notes given by the Treasurer, (\$1,900,) leave a balance of \$1,682.28.

Appended to the Reports of the Selectmen and School Committee, will be found some statements by the Trustees of the Smith Academy, to the Inhabitants of the Town.

The foregoing statements and accompanying figures, are respectfully submitted to the voters and tax payers of the Town of Hatfield.

F. D. BILLINGS,	}	Selectmen of Hatfield.
H. W. FIELD,		
J. D. PORTER,		

HATFIELD, March 8, 1872.

EXPENDITURES.

OLD BILLS.

Paid E. W. Field, labor on highways, and assistance rendered Paupers,	\$7 72
O. Marsh, labor on highways,	17 00
Dennis Cooley, labor on highways,	35 00
John E. Waite, " " " and earth,	9 00
Edward Dickinson, " " "	10 50
George Moore, " " "	35 00
James A. Cutter, " " "	22 00
N. T. Abells, tile,	5 75
Chas. Potter, "	11 00
Chas. Potter, stone for bridges,	10 00
Eames & Sprague, fixtures for Hill School House,	34 95
F. D. Billings, services as Selectman,	150 00
H. W. Field, " " "	45 00
L. G. Curtis, " " "	60 00
Metcalf & Co., printing Catalogues for public library,	33 00
Lewis C. Wade, repairs on School House,	3 00
Mrs. Sarah F. Knight, services as School Com.,	36 00
E. F. Billings, services as Librarian and cash paid,	25 00
	\$549 92

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid L. McIntire, for tile,	\$51 60
Hartwell & Prindle, tile,	28 00
John E. Waite, earth,	10 50
Lysander Chaffin, building bridge West Brook,	232 50
Lysander Chaffin, work on Hill Bridge,	21 00
L. C. Wade, " " " "	9 50
Henry S. Hubbard, timber on Hill Bridge,	6 18
Leander Cooley, repairs on bridge,	14 18
J. T. & G. C. Fitch, lumber,	53 42
Forward,	\$426 88

Brought Forward,	\$426 88
Paid H. S. Porter, lumber,	8 90
L. N. Granger, plank,	56 82
J. D. Porter, labor and material for bridge,	28 50
Wm. P. Allis, overwork on highways,	4 00
C. B. Marsh, earth and tile,	8 65
James Cronin, earth,	4 20
Fitch Bros. & Doane, blacksmith work,	1 25
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	\$539 20

PAUPERS.

Paid Hospital for Insane, Northampton, board Francis Abbott,	\$201 55
J. B. Waite, board Wm. and Rolla Wells,	423 35
Merritt Clark & Co., clothing for Rolla Wells,	16 60
Assistance rendered J. C. Love,	27 25
“ “ Fred. Hawk,	16 15
F. D. Billings, cash paid Town of Buckland, assistance to Mrs. Haley,	13 50
Hospital for Insane, Brattleboro, Vt., board Oliver Bardwell,	130 00
Dr. A. Lewis, medical attendance on families Hosea and Selah Wheeler,	30 00
L. S. Bliss, keeping transient paupers,	38 50
F. D. Billings, cash paid clothing Wm. Wells, and finding settlement for Mrs. Haley,	10 75
A. M. Peck, burial child H. Wheeler,	3 50
E. A. Bardwell, mdse for Wm. and Rolla Wells,	5 51
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	\$916 68

STATE AID.

Paid E. L. Covill,	\$ 1 50
Mrs. U. B. Graves,	96 00
“ Clara Vining,	96 00
“ E. C. Anderson,	96 00
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Forward,	\$289 50

Brought Forward,	\$289 50
Paid Mrs. Ruth S. Dennis,	96 00
John D. Miller,	35 00
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	\$420 50

TOWN AID.

Paid Mrs. U. B. Graves,	\$88 34
“ Clara Vining,	35 33
“ Helen M. Waite,	35 34
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	\$159 01

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid for Books,	\$250 83
for sawing wood,	1 50
Oliver Warner, services at Library,	7 00
E. F. Billings, services as Librarian,	20 00
E. A. Bardwell, cash paid for books,	1 50
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	\$280 83

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid A. P. Peck & Co., insurance on School House,	
West Brook,	\$51 00
Jas. L. Sykes, repairs School House,	7 60
Baker & Mochler, “ “ “ West Farms,	34 42
A. D. Sweet, “ “ “	3 55
Geo. E. Smith, “ “ “	17 50
Wm. Daugherty, “ “ “ and Town Hall,	22 75
Dexter Jones, “ “ “	10 00
B. E. Cook & Son, clocks for School Houses,	14 50
Eames & Sprague, stove and pipe, Hill school house,	61 05
D. & C. W. Holbrook, apparatus for Schools,	19 50
Henry S. Hubbard, cash paid for copying valuation book, 1870,	20 00
Henry S. Hubbard, services as Assessor,	50 00
F. D. Billings, services as Assessor and cash paid,	50 00
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Forward,	\$361 87

Brought Forward,	\$361 87
Leander Cooley, services as Assessor, and cash paid,	38 00
Joseph Billings, " and School Com.,	38 50
W. D. Billings, services as Clerk, recording births, deaths and marriages, cash paid,	39 00
N. T. Abells, damage to horse on highway,	50 00
H. S. Porter, cash paid A. M. Richmond, for Hill School House,	20 00
Conn. River R. R., freight on Road Scraper,	11 40
Trumbull & Gere, printing town reports,	40 00
New England Fire Extinguisher Company, two Extinguishers,	1,600 00
Geo. W. Prentice, Acid for Extinguishers,	6 71
Thayer, Babson & Co., Soda for Extinguishers,	19 58
S. M. Smith & Co., chairs for town hall,	9 00
D. A. Vining, work on burial ground, West Brook,	21 50
Horace Waite, " " " " " "	
and lumber,	40 30
Mrs. Polly Graves, money refunded for illegal tax, 1870,	38 83
Solomon Mosher, money refunded for illegal tax, 1868-9-70,	55 95
Patrick Mullany, money refunded for illegal tax, 1870,	6 96
Henry Manchester, work on burial ground, West Brook,	14 00
E. F. Billings, services as Collector and Consta- ble, and cash paid, 1870,	163 50
James F. Brooks, Road Scraper,	125 00
James Porter, services as School Committee,	35 00
A. M. Peck, labor on burial grounds, and return- ing deaths,	10 45
E. A. Bardwell, services as Treas., and cash paid	26 45
S. W. Kingsley, blacksmith bill,	3 60
Oscar Belden, services School Committee,	30 45
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	\$2,806 05

SCHOOLS.

Paid Miss Mary J. Strong, teaching and board,	\$272 00
“ Mary C. Billings, “ “ “	272 00
Mrs. Jane M. Cowles, “ “ “	255 00
Miss Nellie M. Dayton, “ “ “	96 00
“ Abby Smith, “	186 00
“ Martha Bridges, “	153 00
“ Emma Rhoods, “ and board,	188 00
“ Lucy J. Beebe, “	132 00
“ Ella Warner, “	44 09
“ Ella Gibbs, “	70 00
“ J. O. Hall, “	75 00
O. S. Graves, board,	134 00
Mrs. Mary E. Miller, board,	88 00
Dr. A. Lewis,	132 00
A. D. Sweet, wood,	41 00
R. T. Morton, Jr., wood,	23 00
Wm. P. Allis, “	22 00
Wm. D. Clapp, coal,	76 98
J. C. Williams, “	68 19
Philos Doane, sawing wood,	6 00
Joseph Billings, expenses procuring teachers,	20 25
Oliver Warner, services as Janitor,	9 00
Chas. Anderson, wood,	25 00
James Porter, cash paid for sundries,	66 21
Henry R. Graves, board,	48 00
E. A. Bardwell, sundries,	7 42
D. W. Allis, board,	94 50
George Moore, board,	36 00
Oscar Belden,	31 26
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	\$2,671 81

CENTER SCHOOL HOUSE.

Paid Anthony Allair, Jr., brick,	\$1,300 00
S. G. Hubbard, cash,	3,626 45
C. B. Smith, cash,	1,873 70
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Forward,	\$6,800 15

Brought Forward,	\$6,800 15
A. G. Carpenter, cash,	583 83
Lysander Chaffin, cash,	230 00
N. B. Hussey & Co., cash,	218 04
J. D. Brown, labor,	23 75
J. C. Williams, coal,	14 23
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	\$7,870 00

OUTSTANDING DEBTS.

Treasurer's Note, to C. B. Smith,	\$1,000 00
“ “ “ Northampton Ins. for Savings,	900 00
County Tax,	2,329 99
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	\$4,229 99

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in hands Treas. and Collector, March, 1871,	\$7,032 70
Jos. Abbott, executor legacy to Francis Abbott,	1 00
L. G. Curtis, for J. C. Love,	14 12
Edwin Harris, town team and interest,	519 80
Horace Wait, wagon,	72 00
Treasurer's Note to C. B. Smith,	1,000 00
“ “ “ Northampton Ins. for Savings,	900 00
State Treasurer, Mass. School Fund,	175 23
“ “ State Aid,	458 00
“ “ Corporation Tax,	198 04
“ “ National Bank Tax,	2,034 26
O. C. Wells, highways,	6 06
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Forward,	\$12,411 21

Brought Forward,	\$12,411 21
F. D. Billings, tools sold,	10 75
Amount Taxes assessed,	13,639 06
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	\$26,061 02

EXPENDITURES.

Old Bills,	549 92
Paupers,	916 66
Highways and Bridges,	539 20
State Aid,	420 50
Town Aid,	159 01
Miscellaneous Expenses,	2,806 05
Public Library,	280 83
Schools,	2,671 81
Center School House,	7,870 00
State Tax and Interest,	3,575 79
County Tax,	2,329 99
L. G. Curtis' Note and Interest,	2,163 00
Assessors' Order of Abatement,	36 60
Interest,	59 38
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	\$24,378 74
Balance in hands of Treas. and Collector, after pay- ing all outstanding debts, except Treasurer's Notes,	1,682 28
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	\$26,061 02

F. D. BILLINGS,	} Selectmen of Hatfield.
H. W. FIELD,	
J. D. PORTER,	

E. A. BARDWELL, *Treasurer.*

HATFIELD, March 8, 1872.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
Town of Hatfield.

The school year ending March, 1872, is nearly closed, and in accordance with the Statute, it is required of the Committee to make a yearly report to the Town, as to the expenditure of the money,—the present conditions of the Schools,—with suggestions relative to the improvement of our School facilities. The sum appropriated by our Town being \$2,700.00, with that received from the State, \$175.23, amounting to \$2,875.23, would appropriate to each scholar between five and fifteen years of age, \$9.21. The Town has removed the stigma formerly resting upon us, respecting our School Buildings, so that our Houses may no longer be pointed at as a disgrace to the Town, or as places suited only to suggest to the pupils

the propriety of making bonfires of them. With proper carefulness, and a feeling of responsibility, as well as of pride, our present buildings may be an ornament to the Town for many years to come. But while we congratulate ourselves that our Houses are better than formerly, this alone will not make good Schools. Individual interest has much to do towards creating and sustaining an interest on the part of the scholar, as well as teacher; and almost invariably where this is manifested by parents, in visiting the school, also in other ways, we find the teacher pursuing her work with rejoicing. School Teachers are human like the rest of us, and influences, outside of themselves, may encourage or dishearten, so that the burdens of the school-room may be carried by the teacher with a light heart, or may weigh heavily upon the most sanguine temperament. In connection with these remarks, we would not excuse inefficiency in any teacher. Like every department in business, the greater the acquaintance with the best methods, as well as *Tact*, to execute those methods, the greater the success, and as a Committee, we would feel that we are responsible to every tax payer, if this inefficiency is the occasion of failure.

The old subject of *Punctuality*, which has been harped upon so much by School Committees, both to the Schools and in the Reports, will need to be agitated a great deal more, to accomplish what is desired; and if your Committee should feel it necessary to resort to rigid measures to enforce attendance, let no one feel that the provocation is not sufficient. Our Registers show that in most of our Schools there is a fault, in that our scholars do not commence the term when school begins, thereby keeping the school in an unsettled condition for the first two or three weeks, not only losing the time themselves, but actually blocking the wheels for those who would be prompt. Let the parents of our scholars feel, that if our citizens are willing to tax themselves that our children may receive a good common school education, have they not reason to expect that the beneficiaries of this provision, shall

even practice some self-denial, that the greatest amount of good may result from the appropriation. And when Committees or Teachers shall press home upon the minds of those interested, the importance of constancy, from the beginning to the end of school, let all who are indebted to others for their large heartedness in contributing to the highest good of the community, respond, we will, by example as well as precept, show our gratitude.

In counting up the marks against the names of some scholars, we find they show 20, 25, 28, and even 30 tardy marks in one term. There must be neglect somewhere. At the same time it gives us pleasure to refer to a few Registers, which show that the scholars are not all in fault in this respect :

North Center,	summer term,	No. scholars,	44,	not tardy,	20
West Brook,	fall term,	"	"	37	" " 23
South Center,	" "	"	"	42	" " 24
Hill Grammar,	summer term,	"	"	30	" " 15
Hill Primary,	" "	"	"	49	" " 32
"	" fall	"	"	41	" " 23
"	" winter	"	"	47	" " 26

Sum total of tardy marks, 37, 43, 57.

West Farms, with few exceptions, showed well the entire year.

The Schools during the past year will compare favorably with previous years. The teachers in six of our Schools have been retained the entire year.

Some of our Schools have shown marked progress. With our improved arrangements already secured, for grading our Schools, with improved methods for imparting instruction, may we not hope that our Schools will be at least one step nearer perfection than before.

Some School Apparatus in each of our School Houses, not already furnished, with a new set of Wall Maps, which your Committee have in contemplation, will add much to the completeness of our new arrangements.

JAMES PORTER,	}	School
OSCAR BELDEN,		
JOSEPH BILLINGS,		Committee.

Amount expended for teaching the several Schools, as follows, including teacher's pay and board :—

High School,	-	-	-	-	\$340 00
Hill Grammar,	-	-	-	-	318 00
Hill Primary,	-	-	-	-	255 00
Center South,	-	-	-	-	272 00
Center North,	-	-	-	-	259 50
North Hatfield,	-	-	-	-	289 00
West Brook,	-	-	-	-	272 00
West Hatfield,	-	-	-	-	272 00

All other expenses connected with the Schools, nearly \$475.

Schools taught by	Length of Schools in months.		Whole number of Scholars.		Average Attendance.			No. of children under 5 years of age.		No. of children over 15 years of age.		Wages of teacher per month.	
	Sum. Fall Win.		Sum. Fall Win.		Summer Fall Winter.			Sum. Fall Win.		Sum. Fall Win.		Sum. Fall Win.	
High School,	{Lucy J. Beebe, Jennie O. Hall, Gram, Abbie A. Smith, Prim., Jane M. Cowles, Mary C. Billings, Nellie M. Dayton, Ella J. Gibbs, Ella E. Warner, Martha J. Bridges, Emma Rhoad, Mary J. Stronge.	3 3 2½ 2½ 3											

Number of Scholars in town between 5 and 15 years of age, 312
 Sum of money raised by the Town, \$2,700 00
 Sum of money received from the State, 175 23

THE TRUSTEES

OF THE

SMITH ACADEMY.

To the Citizens of Hatfield:

By the courtesy of the Selectmen, the Trustees of Smith Academy are permitted to submit the following to the voters of the Town.

They would respectfully represent that the late Miss Sophia Smith, donated the sum of \$75,000, to establish and maintain Smith Academy.

By the terms of her Will this munificent bequest was to be divided into four separate funds, as follows;—1st, the Building Fund of \$20,000, to be used in the erection of Smith Academy. The Second Building Fund of \$15,000, the income of so much of the same as shall not be required for a second building, together with the income of another fund of \$10,000, called the Indigent Fund, to be used for the benefit of such boys and girls as the Trustees may consider worthy and deserving in the payment of their board and tuition

while attending the Academy. Provision is also made for a Permanent Fund of \$30,000, the income of which is to be used to support and maintain the School.

The Trustees have erected for the purposes of the school, what they deem to be a suitable building for the accommodation of a large and flourishing school.

From the experience of other similar Institutions, not so well endowed as Smith Academy, the Trustees feel warranted in assuming that this school will be a success and a permanent benefit to the town.

The value of such a school can hardly be computed in the influence it will naturally have to elevate and improve the Common Schools of the Town.

The cost of maintaining such an Institution as the Will proposes, will be at least \$3,300. The income from the permanent fund will be about \$2,400 annually, leaving a deficiency of \$900 to be made up from other sources. Hence we would suggest that the Town make an appropriation of money to pay the half tuition as required by the Will, so as to make this institution a *free school* to all the children of the Town who shall become fitted to avail themselves of its privileges.

The Trustees earnestly desire to do all they can to secure the privileges of this institution to the people of the town. They claim that they have no personal ends to serve, and they expect that the citizens will meet them with a like unselfish spirit, and unite with them in carrying out the generous provisions of the Will, so as to secure its benefits to our children.

Perhaps it may be proper for us to give some of the reasons why these proposed higher educational advantages should be encouraged and secured by the town.

By the laws of the Commonwealth the town will soon be required to provide a high school where the higher English branches and the classics may be taught, this contingency has been met by the wise forethought and generosity of Sophia

Smith, thousands of dollars will thus be saved to the citizens of the town which it would otherwise cost them to erect a high school building and to support and maintain it thereafter.

The Trustees propose to procure if possible permanent teachers, such as have qualified themselves to make teaching a profession; a gentleman principal, who, by his superior gifts and qualifications can command a first-class salary, also a lady principal, who shall be his equal in her sphere as a teacher, together with such assistant teachers as the wants of the institution shall require from time to time by an increased attendance of scholars.

Our public schools are too much undervalued and neglected, they are struggling to do a great work where the church cannot reach, and should receive the countenance and practical support of all good citizens; two hundred children of foreign born citizens are already in our schools, they are to become the men and women of the future, they will be intelligent and virtuous mainly through the influences brought to bear upon them in the schools, in their moral and intellectual training, if this discipline and instruction is made what it should be, then our children and youth will become fitted for the practical duties of life.

We are confident that Smith Academy is destined to do a great work in this direction by carrying out more completely what is already so well commenced in our common schools.

The Trustees propose to carry out the provisions of the Will in such a manner that the pupils of this institution shall receive all the facilities of education furnished by the more advanced Academies in the State, and it will be their aim to make it equal to the best in its teachers, its discipline and its methods of instruction.

On the first floor of the Academy building, is a room 22 x 30 feet, suitable for town library, the free use of which is offered on the condition of the filling up of the same with

suitable book cases and furniture, free to the town so long as they shall make reasonable appropriations of money annually for the purchase of new books.

We therefore request that the town shall at its annual meeting, appoint a committee to confer with the Trustees and report at an adjourned meeting of the town, a definite plan covering all interests of the town in the Academy, to be acted upon at said adjourned meeting.

J. D. BILLINGS,	}	Trustees.
W. H. DICKINSON,		
J. S. GRAVES,		
ALPHEUS COWLES,		
F. D. BILLINGS,		
D. W. WELLS,		
C. K. MORTON,		
S. G. HUBBARD,		

HATFIELD, March 4, 1872.

REPORTS
OF THE
SELECTMEN
AND
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF HATFIELD,
For the Year 1872-3.



NORTHAMPTON, MASS.:
STAR PRINTING AND ENGRAVING COMPANY.
1873.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

THE Selectmen, in presenting their Report to the citizens of the Town, would say: That the year, ending March 1, 1873, has passed unmarked by any event of unusual importance to the town, and therefore their duties have been simply to carry out their instructions, and the transaction of such business as would naturally come before them in the management of town affairs.

Our cares and responsibilities have been considerably lessened by the action of the town at their last annual meeting, whereby Road Commissioners were chosen, who have assumed the entire charge and control of highways and bridges, and of the expenditure of funds appropriated for the same. They have made a report of their doings and expenditures, which will be found appended to that of the Selectmen.

The expenses for the support of the Poor have somewhat exceeded the appropriation, from the fact that there has been an unusual number of calls for aid, owing, perhaps, to the prevalence of sickness in the Fall, and extreme cold weather of the Winter. Beside our regular paupers, we have had applications both for permanent and temporary relief. In two instances the applicants are women, residents of the town, aged and infirm, and they doubtless will need the care and support of the town so long as they shall live. We recommend, therefore, that in making appropriations for the ensuing year, these cases be taken into consideration. We have been called upon to render aid to parties, non-residents. Taken sick within our limits, without money or friends, they have appealed to us. These we have supplied with medical care and attendance until they were able to move on. We suppose that a portion, if not all, of the money thus expended, may be recovered from the State. In September, we were called

upon for aid in support of a boy eleven years old. We endeavored to find a place where he might earn a part, at least, of his support; but as we could not, we have paid for his board up to the present time. He has in the meantime attended school. We are making arrangements now, however, whereby we hope he will be supplied with a home, and the town relieved of his support.

In accordance with instructions at the annual meeting, we have put blinds upon the school house at West Brook, and builded a fence around the same. Owing to a misunderstanding with parties, as to building the fence, the matter was delayed until late in the season, and we were unable to have it painted before winter set in. We have, however, purchased the stock, and made arrangements to have it done in the Spring. We found, upon consulting with residents of the District that, instead of having spouts and conductors placed upon their building, as proposed in the Spring, they preferred to have a portico erected. We did not feel bound to put the spouts up contrary to their wishes, neither did we feel authorized to build a portico, such as would correspond with the rest of the building. We therefore refer the matter to the town. The entire cost of blinds, fence, and labor upon the same, will be two hundred and twenty-five (225) dollars.

At the November meeting we were authorized to repair the Town Hall. We have made such repairs as we thought advisable this winter. Owing to the early and continued cold weather, we were unable to make so complete a job as desirable. And we would recommend to our successors that a second coating of the coloring material be put upon the wall as soon as the weather is favorable. We have expended upon the building one hundred and thirty-three dollars and fifty-four cents.

In accordance with instructions, we have purchased eight (8) rubber buckets for use with the Fire Extinguishers. And we will here say that for the Engines, purchased by the town in 1871, good and suitable places for storage have been provided.

We desire to call the attention of the town to the fact that there is no insurance on the Town Hall and school house in the Hill District. These buildings have been insured in the Quincy Mutual of Quincy, and the Merchants' and Farmers' of Worcester. These companies having sustained heavy losses by the Boston

fire, have made assessments upon the policy holders, notifying them that in case they fail to pay the assessment before March 1, 1873, their policies will be canceled. We decided not to pay it. We suppose, therefore, that the policies have been canceled. We have made inquiries as to the expense of reinsuring, and find that in mutual companies the cost will be three or three and one half per cent. We are in doubt as to the policy of insuring public buildings at such rates, and refer the matter to the town.

We would say a few words in reference to the Taxes. We believe that the best interests of the town demand a more prompt collection and payment; that, in order that the credit of the town may be sustained, a greater portion should be collected before Dec. 1st, as a greater portion of the obligations of the town become due before that time. With this end in view, the plan of discount and interest was adopted last year. It has undoubtedly worked to advantage, yet not so great as desirable; and we would recommend to the town that, if they adopt this plan for the ensuing year, the limit of discount be Sept. 1st, and interest be charged after Nov. 1st. And while we recommend this, we would recommend also that the town take into consideration the question whether or not some better plan could be adopted whereby the taxes would be more promptly collected, debts paid, and the credit of the town thereby sustained.

In accordance with the vote of the town, authorizing the Selectmen to instruct the Treasurer to borrow money, if in their opinion it was necessary, we have borrowed \$1,975. This, with \$138, amount of bill (not yet presented) for board of Oliver Bardwell at the Brattleboro Hospital for Insane, and the bills for services of Selectmen, Collector, and Constable, comprises the outstanding claims against the town.

In settlement with the Treasurer, we find in his hands \$1,015.94, of which \$230.41 is cash, and the balance demand notes.

Upon examination of the Collector's books, we find the amount of taxes still uncollected \$1,465.41, making the sum total in hands of Treasurer and Collector, \$2,481.35, thus showing a balance, after all debts are paid, in favor of the town.

Paid Julia E. Wilcox, services, teacher,	\$105 00
Jane M. Cowles, " " and board,	264 00
Hattie E. Childs, " "	58 50
Nellie Hitchcock, " "	40 00
Lucinda Harwood, " "	8 00
Elizabeth Royce, " "	28 00
Maria L. Tuttle " " and board,	120 00
Myra Elmer, " "	48 00
Elizabeth Clary, " "	60 00
Julia Smith, " "	60 00
Chas. Anderson, boarding teacher,	36 00
Sylvanus Miller, " "	180 00
Oscar Belden, " "	88 00
A. Lewis, " "	68 00
E. M. Martin, " "	76 00
Sylvanus Crafts, " "	8 00
Chas. K. Morton, " "	48 00
S. D. Bartlett,	48 00
Oscar Belden, wood,	101 50
P. L. Strong & Sons, wood,	24 59
Henry S. Hubbard, "	5 25
J. T. & G. C. Fitch, "	8 63
Geo. A. Billings, coal,	99 11
L. McIntire,	13 05
Oliver Warner, services as Janitor,	19 50
James Porter, cash paid,	63 00
Geo. A. Billings, procuring teachers and cash paid,	39 33
Oscar Belden, cash paid,	20 50
E. A. Bardwell, merchandise,	7 52
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	\$2,707 24

PAUPERS.

Paid Hospital for Insane, Northampton, support Francis Abbott,	\$195 90
J. B. Waite, boarding Wells Bros.,	408 00
J. B. Waite, clothing Wells Bros.,	3 50
Abbott & Ockington, clothing for Wm. Wells,	12 00

Paid E. Brainard, boarding Harry Bliss,	\$92 00
Theo. Porter, boarding Nancy Morton,	56 00
Sylvanus Crafts, boarding and care John Rodgers,	20 59
Jas. O. Waite, boarding Nancy Morton,	6 85
E. A. Bardwell, merchandise,	2 72
J. T. & G. C. Fitch, merchandise for Wells Bros.,	5 51
A. Lewis, M. D., medical attendance, family	
Hosea Wheeler,	\$4 00
A. Lewis, M. D., medical attendance, family	
Christian Schroeder,	9 00
A. Lewis, M. D., medical attendance, Jno. Allis,	13 00
" " " " John Rodgers,	8 00
	<hr/> 34 00
L. S. Bliss, keeping transient paupers,	17 50
L. S. Bliss, boarding and care John Allis,	44 00
L. P. Dole, boarding Pamela Dickinson,	68 00
	<hr/> \$966 57

• STATE AID.

Paid Mrs. Ruth S. Dennis,	\$96 00
Mrs. Clara Vining,	96 00
Mrs. U. B. Graves,	96 00
Mrs. E. C. Anderson,	96 00
John D. Miller,	84 00
	<hr/> \$468 00

TOWN AID.

Paid Mrs. Helen M. Waite,	\$24 67
Mrs. Clara Vining,	34 00
Mrs. U. B. Graves,	52 00
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PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid A. Williams & Co., books,	\$50 80
E. J. Cornwell, “	18 75
Bridgman & Childs, “	205 46
E. A. Bardwell, merchandise,	4 66
C. Colton, books,	6 00
E. F. Billings, cash paid,	3 37
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	\$289 04

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Turner, Walker & Co., insurance school-house,	
District No. 2,	\$120 00
C. M. Kinney, hedge plants,	36 00
W. H. Pierce, work on school-house, Dis. No. 2,	18 00
Geo. W. Prentice & Co., sulphuric acid for ex-	
tinguishers,	6 49
L. W. Smith, blinds for school-house, W. Brook,	75 00
Brewster & Jones, glass for book case library,	25 10
W. H. Dickinson, labor on sch'l-house, Dis. No. 2,	15 00
S. G. Hubbard, “ “ “ “	50 00
S. G. Hubbard, Building Committee, labor on school	
house, District No. 2,	135 00
Oscar Belden, fence, school-house W. Farms,	25 00
Oscar Belden, repairs “ “	19 00
Wm. P. Allis, services as Assessor,	50 00
Chas. L. Warner, “ “ cash p'd,	43 50
John W. Morton, “ “	27 00
C. B. Smith, book case for library,	164 26
S. D. Porter, surveying,	5 00
L. P. Dole, building fence, school-house W. Brook,	37 75
J. T. & G. C. Fitch, lumber fence, school-house	
W. Brook,	72 57
L. McIntire, lime for town hall,	6 50
S. J. Macomber, repairs on town hall,	57 24
Wm. Daugherty, painting “ “	40 00

Paid Dexter Jones, repairs on town hall,	\$2 00
Philos Doane, sawing wood for town hall,	2 00
Daniel W. Wells, wood, " "	13 00
Daniel W. Wells, " "	7 50
Todd, Lee & Co., hooks for school-house,	1 75
O. A. Skilton, spittoons for library,	2 50
Tiltson & Smith, lamps for " "	6 00
Eames & Sprague, stove for " "	27 68
Smith & Searle, furniture " "	33 00
Smith & Searle, settees for school-house,	15 00
Eames & Sprague, repairs school-house pantry,	9 29
Geo. A. Billings, furniture " Dis. No. 2,	163 08
Trumbull & Gere, printing reports and order book,	\$49 00
Thayer, Babson & Co., soda for extinguishers,	18 78
A. M. Peck, work on burial grounds and return- ing deaths,	16 60
Luman S. Crafts, [labor and cash paid, school- house, W. Brook,	10 65
James Porter, services as School Committee,	30 00
Geo. A. Billings, " " " "	26 50
Oscar Belden, " " " "	30 00
E. A. Bardwell, " " Treasurer,	25 00
E. A. Bardwell, sundries,	2 95
W. D. Billings, services as Clerk, cash paid express, and returning and recording births, deaths and marriages,	46 00
S. C. Parsons, paints and glass,	47 80
Buckets for fire extinguishers,	24 00
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	\$1,638 67

REPORT OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

THE Committee herewith present to the inhabitants of the town, the following statements of facts, and the amount of expenses for the past year on highways and bridges.

We have rebuilt one bridge at Middle, going over ; one south of Henry R. Graves', and one at North Meadow.

We have repaired the Hill bridge, so that it is nearly as good as new ; also, one on the Depot road.

We have covered the bridges, so far as we have found them good enough. On examination of Mill bridge, we find it in very bad condition, and recommend the rebuilding of the same as soon as possible.

A. D. SWEET,	}	<i>Road Commissioners of Hatfield.</i>
M. E. WARNER,		
LEANDER COOLEY,		

HATFIELD, March, 1873.

HIGHWAYS, 1872.

Paid Lysander Chaffin, labor on bridges,	\$166 62
A. D. Sweet, labor on highways and bridges,	232 05
John D. Miller, labor on	11 00
W. Herrick, iron,	21 70
L. McIntire, cement,	22 00
Charles Anderson, labor,	181 13
John Kiley, "	46 37
Seth W. Kingsley, "	20 70
Dwight Gibbs, lumber,	48 06
Leander Cooley, labor,	360 35
E. S. Warner, "	100 87
Wm. Hurley, "	13 16

Paid Charles Graves, labor,	\$21 00
A. J. Cutter, "	18 20
Jacob Carl, "	93 20
Philip Carl, "	44 65
John Carl, "	52 10
J. T. & G. C. Fitch, lumber,	603 46
A. Dinsmore, labor,	19 10
John E. Waite, two road scrapers,	30 00
H. Shumway, labor,	36 00
Jas. W. Warner, "	144 37
Lawrence Seitz, "	7 00
Fred Carl, "	60 50
Daniel Vining, "	28 75
L. B. White, lumber,	140 01
Augustus Remillard, labor,	17 00
E. W. Field, "	15 70
John Ryan, "	1 00
Michael Ryan, "	5 00
Moses E. Warner,	75 50
Thomas Lampro, labor,	10 00
Frank Pecor, "	5 00
Michael Whalen, "	14 50
E. F. Cooley, "	19 50
Jos. Proulx, 2d, "	4 00
Edward Briggs, "	7 00
Fred Jubinville, "	6 00
David B. Curtis, "	10 00
Anthony Allair, Jr. "	84 25
E. Hubbard, "	7 00
Henry Wade, "	1 50
H. S. Hubbard, "	10 00
John McHugh, "	9 00
Dennis Cooley, "	14 75
Albert Briggs, "	2 00
M. N. Hubbard, "	5 00
Hartwell & Prindle, tile,	64 26
Henry Manchester, labor,	6 65
Nelson Allair, "	8 00

Peter Pecor,	labor,	\$6 00
H. S. Porter,	"	13 50
John Chandler,	"	5 00
Horace Waite,	"	10 50
James O. Waite,	"	65
John Ryan,	"	1 50
Patrick Mullany,	"	8 00
Elihu Marsh,	"	5 80
Moses Kingley,	"	1 00
James Porter,	"	1 00
R. H. Belden,		16 00
E. Morton,		19 00
C. D. Bartlett,		3 75

\$3,016 66

Highways, total,	\$1,460 62
Bridges, "	1,556 04

\$3,016 66

BILLS RECEIVABLE.

Note D. P. Morton, to Town Treas.,	\$155 25
" Alvin Sanderson and J. E. Doane, to Town Treas.,	120 00
" Silas Porter, to Town Treas.,	300 00
" J. D. Brown, to Town Treas.,	210 28

\$785 53

OUTSTANDING DEBTS.

Treasurer's note to Northampton Instit. for Savings,	\$1,975 00
Hospital for Insane, Brattleboro, Vt., support Oliver Bardwell, to March 1, 1873,	138 00

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in hands Treas. and Collector, March, 1872,	\$1,682 28
Moses Kingsley, highways, 1871,	15 00
Dog Fund, “	65 22
State Treasurer, Corporation Tax, “	76 05
Treasurer's Note to Northampton Ins. for Savings,	1,600 00
“ “ “ “ “	1,975 00
State Treasurer, Mass. School Fund,	159 86
“ “ State Aid,	400 00
“ “ Corporation Tax,	229 29
Jos. Billings, rent Town Hall,	3 00
Arthur Curtis, stone,	14 81
Interest,	20 00
Rent of engine room,	50 00
Amount taxes assessed,	13,686 04
Interest on taxes,	86 06
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	\$20,062 61

EXPENDITURES.

Old bills,	\$519 90
Schools,	2,707 24
Paupers,	966 57
State aid,	468 00
Town “	110 67
Public Library,	289 04
Miscellaneous,	1,638 67
Order Road Commissioners,	3,016 66
Assessors’ order of abatement,	96 99
Interest of County tax, 1871,	113 33
Northampton Ins. for Savings, Note and Interest,	936 68
“ “ “ “ “ “ “	1,656 62
C. B. Smith, note and interest,	1,110 55
Northampton Ins. for Savings, interest,	16 90
State tax and interest,	2,292 37
County “ “ “	2,010 78
Discount on taxes,	415 83
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	\$18,366 80
Balance in hands of Treasurer and Collector,	1,695 81
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	\$20,062 61

JOSEPH BILLINGS, } *Selectmen*
 L. G. CURTIS, } *of*
 MOSES E. WARNER, } *Hatfield.*

E. A. BARDWELL, *Treasurer.*

HATFIELD, March 8, 1873.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

THE School Committee, as a part of the duty assigned them, respectfully present their Annual Report of the condition of the Schools in town.

The whole number of Schools supported by the town the past year was ten. On the opening of Smith Academy, winter term, the High School was dispensed with, the scholars entering that institution.

The whole number of Teachers employed the past year was fifteen, all females. Nearly all were teachers of experience, and the progress made will compare favorably with previous years.

The advantages for grading are better now than they ever have been before, from which we see good results, especially in the Hill and Street schools. The other schools do not enjoy this advantage so fully, on account of their remote situation.

The town raised \$3,000 for the support of schools the past year. In addition to this, we received \$159.86 from the State school fund; also \$65.22 from the dog fund,—all making the sum of \$3,225.08,—an amount sufficiently large to pay the current expenses of the several schools, and leave over three hundred dollars unappropriated.

The different items are about the same as in years before. In some instances, wages paid to teachers were a little higher. We have aimed to furnish teachers of experience and reputation, which are not to be had without liberal pay. And then it is difficult to supply wholly with this class; though, as a town, we should be satisfied with nothing less than a superior teacher for every school. The progress that scholars make depends mainly upon the ability of the teacher.

Two of our schools—the Hill Grammar and West Farms—

have had the benefit of Normal School Teachers the past winter. We cannot speak too highly of this method of teaching. Every thing is rendered practical; every pupil in turn becomes a teacher, to the extent that he must thoroughly understand the subject of his lesson, and be able to explain and teach it to others. This thoroughness enables him to finish whatever he goes over, and to advance in systematic order. Another feature is a good use of language, acquired by the scholar, in giving plain explanations.

The number of visits reported on the Registers are one hundred and eighty—town's people, mostly. Among these (except the Committee) are the names of only three gentlemen: Rev. J. P. Skeel, S. D. Bartlett, D. W. Wells. This lack of personal interest on the part of fathers has an unfavorable influence.

Scholars that are not taught the worth of educational advantages by parental influences, make little progress compared with those who are. We need revolutionizing in this matter to make our schools what they should be.

Many of our Foreign children make little progress in their studies at school, and in acquiring good English, owing to the use of their native language at home. This could in a measure be remedied if such families would speak English wholly, as far as they are able. Such an effort would be amply rewarded by the benefit the children would receive.

Last Spring all our schools were supplied with a set of Mitchell's Outline Maps, at a cost of \$108.26,—paid for out of the last year's money. They have greatly increased the interest in the study of Geography.

No. of Scholars in Town between the ages of 5 and 15 years,	291
Last year, the number was	312
No. of Foreign Scholars in School the past Winter,	178
American Scholars,	94

The Committee were obliged to supply furniture for one of the school rooms in the new Center School House, at an expense of \$163.08.

The school house at West Farms needs some repairs,—a new coat of plastering in the lower room, some new seats and doors; also new window-blinds.

NAMES OF TEACHERS AND WAGES PAID, PER MONTH, INCLUDING BOARD.

<i>Pantry</i>	{ Mary J. Strong..... }	Summer and Fall....	\$32 00
		Winter.....	36 00
<i>West Brook</i>	{ Emma Rhoad..... }	Summer.....	32 00
	{ Labbie M. Royce..... }	Fall.....	32 00
	{ Myra Elmer..... }	Winter.....	32 00
<i>Hill Grammar</i>	{ Julia E. Wilcox..... }	Summer and Fall....	36 00
	{ Maria M. Tuttle..... }	Winter.....	40 00
<i>Hill Primary</i>	Jane M. Cowles.....		32 00
<i>Center Grammar</i> ..	{ Mattie J. Bridges..... }	Summer.....	36 00
	{ Nettie M. Hitchcock.. }	Fall.....	36 00
	{ Julia R. Smith..... }	Winter.....	36 00
<i>Center Primary</i>	Mary C. Billings.....		34 00
<i>West Farms</i>	{ Fannie E. Stearns.... }	Summer and Fall....	32 00
	{ Lizzie S. Clary..... }	Winter.....	36 00
<i>High School</i>	{ S. A. Esterbrook..... }	Summer.....	44 00
	{ Hattie E. Child..... }	Fall.....	42 00

Whole Amount paid for Wages and Board.....\$2,176 50

All other Expenses connected with the Schools..... \$530 54

JAMES PORTER,
GEO. A. BILLINGS, } *School Committee.*
OSCAR BELDEN, }

HATFIELD, March 6, 1873.

	Length of School in Months.		Whole Number of Scholars.		Average Attendance.		No. of Children under 5 yrs. of Age.		No. of Children over 15 yrs. of Age.	
	Sum. Fall, Win.		Sum. Fall, Win.		Sum. Fall, Win.		Sum. Fall, Win.		Sum. Fall, Win.	
High School.....	3	2	27	24	20 $\frac{14}{29}$	18.2		5	5	
Hill Grammar.....	3	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	39	33	29 $\frac{3}{4}$	26				4
Hill Primary.....	3	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	51	44	37	31.1	2	3		
Center Grammar....	3	2	33	32	25 $\frac{1}{2}$	23.6			1	
Center Primary.....	3	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	49	54	37	42	1		2	
North Hatfield.....	3	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	21	25	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	18 $\frac{3}{4}$				1
West Brook.....	3	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	30	34	23	24 $\frac{1}{2}$				3
West Hatfield.....	3	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	38	42	25 $\frac{3}{4}$	30 $\frac{1}{2}$				4
				50		39 $\frac{1}{2}$				

REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

THE Library Committee have to report, for the year ending March 1st, an expenditure of \$289.04 of the annual appropriation for the support of the library. During the year we have made additions of nearly two hundred volumes, and would say that the books were never in better condition for circulation than at the present time.

By a vote of the town, at the annual meeting, the offer of a room for Library purposes, in the Smith Academy, by the Trustees of that institution, was accepted, and the Committee accordingly instructed to furnish and fit up the room suitably for the reception of the books. This has been done, and the books transferred. The entire cost has been \$258.43. We find, however, upon arranging the books upon the new shelves, that, with those we have purchased the past year, we have not shelf-room enough. We therefore recommend that, in addition to the sum of \$300.00, a sum sufficient for the erection of additional shelves be appropriated, and the Committee for the ensuing year be authorized to expend the same.

THADDEUS GRAVES,	} <i>Library</i>	
CHAS. K. MORTON,		} <i>Committee.</i>
JOSEPH BILLINGS,		

REPORTS
OF
SELECTMEN,
ROAD COMMISSIONERS,
SCHOOL AND LIBRARY
COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF HATFIELD,

For the Year 1873-4.

NORTHAMPTON, MASS.:
STAR PRINTING AND ENGRAVING COMPANY,
1874.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

As the financial year 1873—4 draws to a close, it again becomes the duty of the Selectmen to render an account of their official transactions, and of the receipts and expenditures during that time. We therefore present to the Inhabitants of the Town the following report.

In view of the hard times and scarcity of money, during the past few months, it has been the desire and endeavor of the Selectmen, and other Officers, to curtail and reduce the expenses, whenever and wherever it might be done without prejudice to the interest of the Town, and it will be seen, upon examination, that with one or two exceptions the expenditures in all the departments have been considerably less than the appropriations at our last annual meeting.

For the support and aid of the Poor our expenses have exceeded the amount raised. This is accounted for by the fact that there has been an increase not only in the number but also in several cases in the cost of maintenance, as in the case of Oliver Bardwell the cost has been increased from \$2.50 to \$3.50 per week. Also in the case of Miss Pamela Dickinson, who, having met with a serious accident in the Fall, has been quite sick since, some of the time extremely ill and crazy, so as to require two attendants, consequently her expenses have been greatly increased as compared with

SCHOOLS.

Paid Mary C. Billings, teacher and board,	\$314 50
Kate Williams, " " "	195 50
Jessie Whitman, " " "	290 00
Jane M. Cowles, " " "	288 00
Alice Bartlett, " " "	290 00
Edwards, " " "	80 00
H. P. Miller, " " "	112 00
Hattie D. Thompson, teacher,	132 00
Lizzie Clary, " "	54 00
Mary E. Wells, " "	98 00
Ellen Bartlett, " "	63 00
Charlotte W. Billings, board of teachers,	144 00
Chas. E. Hubbard, " " "	48 00
E. Martin, " " "	48 00
L. McIntire, coal,	10 00
S. G. Hubbard, coal,	136 30
Philip Carl, drawing coal,	7 00
H. Shumway, " "	2 50
P. L. Strong & Sons, wood,	30 00
Oscar Belden, " "	14 00
H. S. Hubbard, " "	23 00
Leander Cooley, " "	30 00
Philos Doane, sawing " "	4 75
Henry Dwight, " " "	8 00
Oliver Warner, services as janitor,	5 00
Charles Moore, " " "	31 25
George A. Billings, expenses Teachers' Institute,	18 20
Henry Dwight, board of teacher,	56 00
David Powers, sawing wood,	5 25
Oscar Belden, cash paid for building fires,	6 00
George Kingsley, " "	10 00

\$2554 25

PAUPERS.

Paid for support of Nancy Morton,	205 71
“ “ “ Oliver Bardwell,	172 25
“ “ “ Francis Abbott,	163 98
“ “ “ Jane Stone and family,	155 90
“ “ “ Francis Ballau,	25 00
“ “ “ Pamela Dickinson,	300 50
“ “ “ George Hathaway,	28 00
“ “ “ Wm. and Rolla Wells,	260 75
“ “ “ Family of James Buckley,	35 00
L. S. Bliss, Tramps,	18 00
H. Shumway, “	13 00
Mdse. Hunt & Dole,	14 16

\$1392 25

STATE AID.

Paid John D. Miller,	\$7 00
Mrs. Ruth Dennis,	96 00
Mrs. Clara Vining,	96 00
Mrs. Minerva Anderson,	96 00
Mrs. U. B. Graves,	96 00

\$391 00

TOWN AID.

Paid Mrs. U. B. Graves,	\$35 66
Mrs. Clara Vining,	34 66

\$70 32

SCHOOL HOUSE,—WEST FARMS.

Paid White Bro's. labor, lumber, and blinds,	\$135 80
S. B. Nickerson, painting,	45 00
L. McIntire, lime,	16 50

\$197 30

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid Thaddeus Graves, books,	\$112 00
J. Cornwell, “	5 85
Bridgman & Childs, “	32 66
E. A. Bardwell, Mdse.	1 05
E. F. Billings, books,	4 00
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	\$155 56

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Wm. Daugherty, painting school house Dist. 1,	23 40
Star Printing Company, printing reports, order	
book,	53 00
S. W. Hopkins, decoration day,	5 00
W. D. Billings, assessing taxes and cash paid,	73 00
Charles Anderson, plants for cemetery, West	
Brook,	35 56
Thaddeus Graves, making deed,	2 00
A. M. Peck, labor on cemetery,	17 70
S. G. Hubbard, services as clerk pro tem,	5 00
L. P. Dole, repairs on school house Dist. No. 1,	10 50
D. W. Wells, building school house fence Dist.	
No. 2,	32 00
H. R. Graves, labor in cemetery, West Brook.	10 00
Dexter Jones, repairs Town Hall,	4 00
Oscar Belden, services as Assessor,	27 00
H. S. Porter, “ “ “	27 00
James Porter, services as School Com. and cash	
paid,	62 20
Mrs John Shehan, cleaning school house,	75
White Bro's., building portico school house W.	
Brook,	75 00
Hatfield Band, Decoration Day,	30 00
Wm. Daugherty, painting and repairs school	
house,	14 97
L. S. Crafts, repairs school house,	5 50
Alvin Dinsmore, “ “ “	3 50
M. H. Burke, painting “ “	47 75
“ “ “ conductors Town Hall	5 10

Todd, Lee & Co., mdse.,	80
B. E. Cook & Son, clocks for school house,	13 00
H. Shumway, carriage Decoration Day,	6 25
A. M. Peck, recording deaths,	7 00
N. B. Hussey, stove fixtures school house,	6 90
Eames & Sprague, stove for Town Hall,	14 19
“ “ “ and fixtures for school house,	37 18
Smith & Searle, furniture for school house,	8 25
E. Hubbard, music Decoration Day,	7 00
Joseph Billings, cash paid,	15 00
E. A. Bardwell, mdse. for schools,	5 82
“ “ services as Treas. and cash paid,	27 50
Henry Dwight, repairs school house,	1 00
W. D. Billings, services as Town Clerk, cash paid, recording and returning births, deaths and marriages,	50 00
Oscar Belden, services as School Com. and cash paid,	48 19
G. A. Billings, services as School Com. and cash paid,	81 20
G. A. Billings, incidental expenses schools	6 40
James Porter,	46 40
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	\$952 01

REPORT OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

The Commissioners present to the Town the following statements and facts, and the amount of expense for the past year on Highways and Bridges. A large part of the money has been expended in hardening the Roads in the West Brook Dist. and Plain road. We would also recommend the hardening of the road from Edmund Powers' to the old Depot station.

BILLS RECEIVABLE.

Note and Interest, John D. Brown,	\$226 30
“ “ Alvin Sanderson,	136 10
“ “ Dwight P. Morton,	170 65
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	\$533 05

BILLS PAYABLE.

For support of Oliver Bardwell to March 1st,	28 00
“ “ “ Francis Abbott “ “ “	28 00
“ “ “ Jane Stone and family to March 1st,	50 00
“ “ “ Wm. Wells, “ “ “	68 00
Services of Selectmen 1873,	150 00
“ “ Cons. Coll. and Librarian,	150 00
Public Library,	50 00
Medical Attendance,	6 50
Treasr's Note to Northampton Instit. for Savings,	1975 00
Oscar Belden,	70 00
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	\$2575 50

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

Bal. in hands of Treas. and Coll. March 1873,	\$1695 81
Assessment of Taxes,	12114 00
Dog fund 1872,	104 51
Note and Interest of Silas Porter,	313 50
State Treasurer Nat. Bank Tax,	2746 24
“ “ State Aid,	400 00
“ “ “ Paupers,	25 00
“ “ Mass. School fund,	138 22
“ “ Corporation Tax,	146 49
Mrs. Sophia Bliss, reimbursement for support of child,	92 00
Interest on Taxes,	57 13
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	\$17832 90

EXPENDITURES.

Old Bills,	\$585 20
Paupers,	1392 25
Schools,	2554 25
State Aid,	391 00
Town "	70 32
Highways and Bridges,	2141 51
Miscellaneous,	952 01
Public Library,	155 56
County Tax,	1974 75
Interest on same,	10 00
State Tax,	2407 50
Abatement of Taxes,	81 46
Interest on Note in Savings Bank,	138 80
Discount on Taxes,	317 42
School House,—West Farms,	197 30
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	\$13309 33
Balance in hands of Treas. and Coll.	4463 57
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	\$17832 90

JOSEPH BILLINGS, } Selectmen
 L. G. CURTIS, } of
 E. A. STRONG, } Hatfield.

E. A. BARDWELL, Treasurer.

HATFIELD, March 6, 1874.

APPROPRIATIONS, 1873.

Highways & Bridges,	\$2500 00
Paupers,	1300 00
Schools,	3000 00
Contingencies,	1600 00
Public Library,	300 00
Cases for Library,	150 00
Decoration Day,	75 00
School House at West Farms,	200 00
Town Aid,	90 00

*List of Jurors for 1874, as revised and submitted to
the Town by the Selectmen.*

Joseph D. Billings,
Edwin Brainard,
Daniel A. Vining,
Michael Larkin,
Henry G. Moore,
R. H. Belden,
Henry L. Waite,
Henry Dwight,
M. N. Hubbard,
E. S. Warner,

Chas. L. Graves,
Saml. P. Billings,
Alvin Sanderson,
John E. Doane,
Joseph Billings,
Elihu Marsh,
Philip Carl,
C. K. Morton,
Henry R. Graves,
S. E. Witherell,

REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The Library Committee report for the year, ending March 1st. 1874, an expenditure for books and incidental expenses the sum of \$155.56. In addition to this there are outstanding bills to the amount of about \$50.00.

At the last annual meeting, in addition to the annual appropriation, the sum of \$150.00 was raised for the purpose of erecting additional shelves in the room at the Smith Academy, used by the Town as a Library, and the Committee were authorized to expend the same. Although the shelves are needed, the Committee have not expended the money for the simple reason that they have learned that the Town have no legal control of the room since the Trustees had no right to give to the Town the free use of it, which they had previously done, and under the circumstances they deemed it an injudicious expenditure of the public funds.

THADDEUS GRAVES,	}	Library
W. D. BILLINGS,		
JOSEPH BILLINGS,		} Committee.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF HATFIELD
For the Year 1873-4.

A review of the workings of our Schools for the past year does not suggest any features of unusual importance to present for your consideration. There are, however, in taking a general view, some evidences of material progress, which, although perhaps not so perceptible in their present results, nevertheless have an important bearing on the development of a thorough and practical system of education in our Common Schools.

The systems of education which are and have been so persistently advocated by the best educators of our day, and which have so long been neglected by many of our towns, as impracticable to be introduced in our lower and mixed grade schools are unconsciously, it would seem in many instances, introducing themselves and being established by the committee and teachers as *the* method of instruction. And we are gratified to find in our own schools, though but one of those employed has had the advantages of the Normal course of training, that the teachers generally have labored not so much to fill the mind of the pupil with words, and to them obscure and meaningless phrases, as with ideas practical in their nature, and so presented as to be attractive and valuable. We do not say that in all cases they have succeeded in this, but we find cause for congratulation even in the fact that the tendency is in that direction.

We have no prejudice against text books, are ready, even, to grant all that is claimed for them. But we do insist that when they are forced to assume the functions rightly belonging to the teacher, they fail of accomplishing their true design.

There is a large class of children among us who are receiving in our lower grade schools all the educational advantages they will probably ever have. It is essential, therefore, that the instruction be thorough and complete, that habits of thought and action be formed which shall create a desire for something higher and better, that when released from the restraints of teacher and incentives of school, there may be in them as the foundation of future success, a continual desire to know more.

The study of Geography, in most of our Schools is being made more attractive and profitable, and the teaching of it to our mind more effective. The descriptive part is made of less importance and the location of places, and the indicating of the important features of the Country are made prominent. We commend as an important aid in the study of this branch the custom of map drawing, which is now practiced with such good results. It tends to fix in the mind the relative position of countries and their parts as we believe no other method can, and we are gratified with the proficiency already attained in some schools in this direction. It is also exceedingly useful as a discipline in the art of drawing, which by an act of the Legislature is made a part of the course of study of each school in the Commonwealth.

Something has been done although we have made but slight progress towards fulfilling in our school the requirements of this Statute. It is something new for the Common School, and few teachers are now fitted to give instruction in it. Hence some time will necessarily elapse before we shall be able to reach a high Standard of Excellence in its study. Yet we feel assured from the interest already manifested, that the study and practice of this branch in all our schools will be of decided advantage. It is no longer to be advocated as simply one of the accomplishments, to be studied only by

those who have a natural and peculiar taste for it, and who are aiming to excel in it as an art, but rather as constituting an essential department in our system of instruction, and should the State ever assume the direction of the course of study, in our Public Schools, it will undoubtedly be prescribed as an important branch.

We sincerely wish that we could retain a sense of duty performed and be able to close our report without referring to the sad neglect of school privileges manifested in the alarming extent of irregular attendance. It is an evil for which some remedy must speedily be provided, otherwise our schools will fail of attaining that which all undoubtedly most desire, a high degree of excellence. We may have fine school buildings, a corps of teachers of rare ability, and every other facility for successful schools, but unless our children can be made to realize that prompt and faithful attendance are an element of their education of the highest importance, there will be but comparatively little real progress. How the reform shall be accomplished is the question that is puzzling committees and others who are interested in education. One thing is certain no remedy of a permanent nature can be provided until parents shall understand the wrong they are inflicting upon their children by allowing them to be careless about their attendance. Teachers are disheartened, classes are disordered, and the progress really made will continue to be far from satisfactory. Committees and teachers should be, and are willing to bear their share of the blame, but the real cause of so many apparent failures attributed to teachers, may, after all, too often be traced to parental neglect.

We are earnest in our commendation of those who have been neither tardy nor absent during the school year just closed, and whose names will appear in this report. We have hardly less praise for those who have exerted themselves so faithfully to be among that number. Some have succeeded in attending two terms without an instance of tardiness or absence. Many deserve our approbation and encouragement. But there is a large class yet remaining who are apparently indifferent, and in whose behalf earnest and persistent effort needs to be made.

The grounds surrounding the school building at the Center, still remain in an unfinished condition. It will be remembered that at the annual meeting of 1872 a sum of money was appropriated based upon the estimates of the building committee sufficient to grade the grounds and enclose with a substantial fence, and this committee were authorized to execute the provisions of the resolution. The grounds have been partially graded, a fence has been erected in front of the building, and at that point the work remains. If the appropriation has already been expended, we would suggest that a sum of money be raised sufficiently large to accomplish the work in a manner creditable to the town.

The heating apparatus of the building in this district has been severely criticised during the past winter and pronounced by some inadequate to the service required of it. It is quite evident to all who are informed about it that during the intense cold of the winter, some method must be adopted which shall render the rooms more comfortable. We have endeavored to make the best of the means already provided, during the cold weather, this winter, preferring to leave the decision of the matter with the judgment of the town. We recommend, however, that stoves be placed in each of the rooms, and that the furnace remain as it is, for use during the milder seasons of the the year. We recommend also an appropriation for the school property at West Hatfield. The building needs painting, and it will be necessary to rebuild the fence,—some parts of it at least.

Our school expenditures the past year have slightly exceeded the amount of the previous year. This is to be accounted for by increased length of schools and extra expenses for repairs. In several of the schools we have lengthened the sessions to thirty-seven weeks as the aggregate length for the year, and should have pursued the same course with all, had circumstances permitted. We recommend the same appropriation as last year.

The number of scholars who have attended school the entire year without an absent or tardy mark is five. Their names are as follows: Freddie Allair, Etta Crafts, Lizzie H. Billings, Mary W. Allis, Johnnie Tero.

No. of scholars between the ages of five and fifteen,	300
Last year the No. was	291
No. of teachers employed,	11
Average No. of scholars in all the schools for the year,	277
“ attendance “ “ “	212
No. of children over fifteen,	13
“ “ “ under five,	9

NAMES OF TEACHERS AND WAGES PAID, PER MONTH, INCLUDING BOARD.

<i>Hill Grammar</i>	{ Jessie R. Whitman	{ Summer and Fall...\$36 00	
		{ Winter..... 40 00	\$338 00
<i>Hill Primary</i>	Jane M. Cowles.....	32 00	228 00
<i>Centre Grammar</i> ..	{ Hattie D. Thompson	{ Summer and Fall... 40 00	
	{ Mary E. Wells.....	{ Winter..... 44 00	374 00
<i>Center Primary</i>	Mary C. Billings.....	34 00	314 50
<i>North Hatfield</i>	{ Alice L. Bartlett....	{ Summer..... 30 00	
		{ Fall and Winter... 32 00	290 00
<i>West Brook</i>	{ Lizzie S. Clary.....	{ Summer..... 34 00	
	{ M. E. Edwards.....	{ Fall and Winter... 32 00	294 00
	{ Howard D. Miller..		
<i>West Hatfield</i>	{ Kate C. Williams....	{ Summer and Fall... 32 00	
	{ Ellen M. Bartlett....	{ Winter..... 32 00	314 50
Amount expended for teachers and board,.....			\$2,213 00
All other Expenses connected with Schools.....			\$762 12
Amount of Appropriation.....			\$3,000 00
“ received from State School Fund.....			138 22

JAMES PORTER, }
 OSCAR BELDEN, } School Committee.
 G. A. BILLINGS, }

HATFIELD, March 9, 1873.

	Length of School in Weeks.			Whole Number of Scholars			Average Attendance.			No. of Children under five years.			No. of Children over 15 years.		
	Sum.	Fall,	Win.	Sum,	Fall,	Win.	Sum.	Fall,	Win.	Sum.	Fall,	Win.	Sum.	Fall,	Win.
Hill Grammar....	12	10	14	42	37	42	31	26	33	0	0	0	0	2	3
Hill Primary...	12	10	14	49	53	50	34 ⁵⁹ ₆₀	41 ¹³ ₉₅	39 ⁶ ₇	4	0	0	0	0	0
Center Primary...	12	11	14	53	60	56	42 ¹ ₂₀	47 ⁴ ₁₃	45 ¹ ₃₅	0	2	0	0	0	0
Center Grammar..	12	10	14	33	31	36	24	22	29	0	0	0	0	0	1
North Hatfield...	12	11	14	21	21	27	17 ¹³ ₁₉	17 ¹⁹ ₂₅	22 ¹²³ ₁₄₀	0	0	0	0	0	1
West Brook.....	12	10	14	29	32	35	23	26	28	1	0	0	1	0	0
West Hatfield...	12	11	14	36	44	43	24	30 ¹ ₂	31	0	2	0	1	1	3

REPORTS
OF THE
SELECTMEN,
THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
AND THE
COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES
OF THE
TOWN OF HATFIELD,

For the Year 1874-5.



NORTHAMPTON MASS.:
PRESS OF STAR PRINTING OFFICE,
1875.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

To the citizens of the Town of Hatfield the Selectmen present the following report of their doings, and of the expenditures for the year ending March 1st, 1875.

Notwithstanding a desire on our part to economize and reduce expenses, we find, that for the support of the Poor we have somewhat exceeded the appropriation, although we had supposed that ample provision had been made for this purpose. We find this to be the case throughout the State, owing, doubtless to a general stagnation of business, and to the unusual severity of the past winter. This extra expense has been in a great measure for the support of that class of Paupers commonly known as "tramps," many of whom make their living by traveling from town to town, applying for food and lodgings wherever night may overtake them. It is to be hoped that the Legislature will make some change in the laws which relate to this class of people, as they have become a pest and a nuisance to every community in the state. We have had an unusual number of applications for temporary assistance. Of these we hope to be relieved as soon as spring opens, and people can get work. We are now supporting three persons in Insane Asylums, Catherine Tobin having been added to the list within the year. Have buried two persons at the expense of the town: William Wells and Ashley Wheeler.

On account of the frequent fires which have occurred within the town during the past winter, we have been led to make inquiries as to the efficiency and cost of Fire Hooks and Lad-

ders, with a view of purchasing such, provided they were not too expensive. We found the cost would be greater than we anticipated and did not feel justified in expending the amount necessary for this purpose, without direct authority from the town. We would however recommend that such apparatus be procured, and will present the matter to you for your consideration at the Annual Meeting.

Our attention has also been called to the matter of Insurance upon our public buildings. You will recollect that in accordance with a vote of the town, two years since, the policies upon some of the buildings were dropped, or allowed to expire without renewal. It seems to be an open question, whether or not these buildings should be re-insured. This matter will also be brought before you at the Annual Meeting. The following are the buildings which are now insured, and amount of Policies upon same.

School House, West Brook,	\$2,500.
" " Dist. No. 2,	6,000.
Town Hall,	1,000.

It will be remembered that at a special meeting, the town, by vote, authorized the Treasurer to borrow, if necessary, a sufficient sum to meet the demands of Edward Moseley, for damages resulting from the falling of Pine Bridge. In accordance with this vote he has borrowed \$6,550 for which he has given his note. These with the note held by the Northampton Savings Bank, and bills amounting to \$610 comprises the outstanding obligations. Total, \$9,135.00. To offset this we find in the hands of the Treasurer, cash \$59.83, demand notes and interest, \$567.67. In the hands of the Collector \$3,184.64. Total, \$3,812.14,—leaving a balance of \$5,322.86 as the indebtedness of the town.

SUMMARY.

Outstanding Bills,	\$ 610 00	
Notes in Savings Banks,	8525 00	
	<hr/>	\$9135 00
In hands of Treasurer, Cash,	\$ 59 83	
“ “ “ “ Demand notes		
and interest,	567 67	
In hands of Collector,	3184 64	
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Indebtedness of the town,		\$5322.86

EXPENDITURES.

OLD BILLS.

Paid L. S. Crafts, care watering tank,	\$ 5 00
Oscar Belden, repairs school house W. Farms,	69 83
H. D. Anderson, labor cemetery West Brook,	6 25
Henry R. Graves, committee to repair school house, West Brook,	5 00
Joseph Billings, services Selectman,	100 00
L. S. Bliss, Board Tramps,	21 00
Support Jane Stone,	24 00
“ Wm. Wells,	68 00
“ Francis Abbott,	28 00
“ Jane Stone,	30 00
Thomas Cutler, board tramps,	7 50
A. E. Strong, services selectman,	15 00
L. G. Curtis, “ “	25 00
Support Oliver Bardwell,	30 00
C. M. Barton, M. D., medical services Pamela Dickinson,	6 50
Wm. H. Dickinson, labor school house Dist. No. 2, 1872,	15 00
G. A. Pierce, M. D., medical services family Hosea Wheeler,	10 00
E. F. Billings, services collector, constable, librarian and cash paid,	165 00
Moses E. Warner, highways,	15 00
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	\$646.08

PAUPERS.

Paid support of Pamela Dickinson,	\$293 00
“ Nancy Morton,	173 70

Paid support of Oliver Bardwell,	168 00
“ Francis Abbott,	166 05
“ Catherine Tobin,	57 00
“ Jane Stone and family,	191 00
“ Wm. Wells,	105 92
“ Honora McCarty,	24 00
“ Lewis Beaugor,	17 00
“ Lewis Covill,	10 00
“ Buckley children,	58 50
G. A. Pierce, M. D., professional services	
Buckley children,	106 00
Funeral expenses Wm. Wells,	18 00
“ “ Ashley Wheeler,	16 00
H. Shumway, board tramps,	85 00
Thomas Cutter, “ “	8 00
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	\$1497.17

CEMETERY.—PANTRY.

Paid C. S. Chapman, labor,	\$20 25
E. Judd, lumber,	46 30
Erastus Strong, labor,	14 00
J. T. & G. C. Fitch, lumber,	59 70
I. R. Clark, painting and material,	23 60
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	\$163.85

SCHOOL HOUSE.—PANTRY.

Paid A. E. Strong, repairs,	\$33 50
G. F. Boyington, painting and material,	91 61
A. E. Strong, labor,	29 50
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	\$154.61

SCHOOL HOUSE DIST. NO. II.

Paid Michael Boyle, labor,	\$29 00
John McHugh, “	18 75

Paid Lysander Chaffin, “	10 00
Geo. A. Billings, “ and cash paid,	29 95
J. T. & G. C. Fitch, lumber,	38 79
L. B. White, lumber and labor,	63 74
Wm. Daugherty, painting,	7 80
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	\$198.03

LAND DAMAGE.—WEST FARMS.

Paid Dennis Cooley,	\$ 7 00
Leander Cooley,	63 00
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	\$70.00

EDWARD MOSLEY DAMAGE.

Paid L. S. Bliss, board horses and cash paid for help,	\$102 78
H. P. Smith, repairing harness,	16 50
Seth W. Kingsley, repairing wagon,	15 00
Peter Pecor, care horses,	18 00
J. R. Smith, services,	7 50
Joseph Billings, cash paid,	10 00
D. W. & H. H. Bond, professional services,	42 00
A. W. Thompson, M. D., medical services,	25 00
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	\$236 78

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid A. Williams & Co., Books,	\$ 63 52
E. J. Cornwell, binding books,	9 85
Bridgman & Childs, books,	156 70
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	\$230.07

STATE AID.

Paid Ruth Dennis,	\$96 00
Minerva Anderson,	96 00

Paid U. B. Graves,	96 00
Clarissa Vining,	40 00
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	\$328.00

TOWN AID.

Paid U. B. Graves,	\$34 66
Clarissa Vining,	34 66
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	\$69.32

SCHOOLS.

Paid Maria L. Tuttle, teaching and board,	\$189 00
Jane M. Cowles, " "	296 00
Mary C. Billings, " "	314 50
Mary E. Wells, " "	120 00
Alihe L. Bartlett, " "	264 00
Jane Nichols, " "	102 00
Emma Rhoad, " "	241 50
J. R. Whitman, " "	347 00
M. A. P. Bishop, " "	126 00
Clara Streeter, " "	140 00
Eunice J. Morton, " "	88 00
Henry S. Hubbard, wood and board,	2 00
S. G. Hubbard, coal,	93 80
Wm. D. Clapp, "	11 50
P. L. Strong & Sons, wood,	30 00
R. H. Belden, "	54 50
Chas. M. Searle, sawing wood,	7 50
Oscar Belden, " "	6 00
Chas. Moore, services janitor,	8 75
Theo. Chapin, " "	25 50
Frank Dinsmore, " "	8 00
Henry Cutter, " "	4 00
James Porter, cash paid,	15 05
Geo. A. Billings, cash paid,	11 75
N. T. Abells, board,	4 40
E. A. Bardwell, cash paid,	8 89
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	\$2519.64

REPORT OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

We present to the town the following account of money expended by us for the repairing of Highways and Bridges the past year. We have exceeded the amount appropriated, on account of under estimating the cost of rebuilding the bridge near A. E. Strong's, and the unexpected repairs necessary on Pine Bridge, also the laying of four Stone Culverts in place of Wood. We think it will be necessary the present year, to rebuild one bridge south of Henry R. Graves', also one on the old Depot road, and the repairing or rebuilding of Pine Bridge.

M. E. WARNER,	}	<i>Road Commissioners of Hatfield.</i>
A. D. SWEET,		
LEANDER COOLEY,		

HATFIELD, March 8th, 1875.

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid A. D. Sweet, labor and lumber,	\$538 15
Moses E. Warner, labor,	350 69
Leander Cooley, " "	154 40
J. T. & G. C. Fitch, lumber,	113 36
L. N. Granger, " "	196 33
Daniel W. Wells, " "	97 17
L. McIntire, cement and pipe,	48 16
J. G. Ward, flagging stone,	26 05

Paid Seth W. Kingsley, labor and material,	18 81
A. J. Cutter, labor and earth,	22 00
Lysander Chaffin, labor and stone,	185 00
Fred Carl, "	18 50
Jacob Carl,	82 71
Philip Carl,	44 29
C. S. Chapman, labor,	9 75
Patrick Boyle, "	6 56
Henry Allard, "	21 88
Thos, Cutter, "	7 05
Moses W. Kingsley, "	4 37
Nelson Allair, "	6 00
A. E. Strong, "	6 00
E. S. Warner, "	54 25
Edward Proulx, "	5 75
H. H. Field, "	15 75
Jas. Bruor, "	4 37
John Chandler, "	6 50
Chas. Graves, "	11 00
Dennis Cooley, "	8 75
David Curtis, "	7 75
E. H. Field, "	15 00
Geo. Ritner, "	12 00
J. W. Field, "	3 50
Geo. W. Smith, "	14 85
Chas. Wolfram, "	1 50
H. Shumway, "	12 00
N. T. Abells, "	27 50
C. B. Marsh, "	15 75
C. D. Bartlett, "	10 00
E. Brainard, "	7 50
John McHugh, "	10 62
Peter Pecor, "	6 20
L. S. Crafts, "	2 00
Henry Dwight, "	17 00
John O'Neil, "	5 00
Anthony Allair, Jr., "	7 50

Paid Lewis Rabboin,	"	1 00
Jas. Ryan,	"	19 75
Wm. B. Langdon,	"	10 00
Geo. Vollinger,	"	8 00
S. S. Belden,	"	9 00
C. N. Coleman,	"	12 00
Peter Saffer,	"	14 37
Chas. Carson,	"	4 37
Chas. Wensel,	"	3 50
Jos. Clistner,	"	5 75
John Smith,	"	3 50
John Ryan,	"	88
Wm. Carson,	"	1 00
R. H. Belden,	"	51 04
C. B. Dickinson,	"	2 58
David Powers,	"	5 50
A. S. Jones,	"	8 00
E. F. Cooley,	"	87
Wm. Boyle,	"	6 00
A. M. Peck,	"	10 25
A. D. Dinsmore,	"	7 00
O. Marsh,	"	22 25
L. P. Dole,	"	10 50
Nicholas Powers,	"	66
Peter Pedlar,	"	66
Wm. H. Dickinson,	"	8 37
Elijah Bardwell,	"	4 33
M. C. Porter,	"	2 50
Israel Morton,	"	87
C. K. Morton,	"	7 50
Matthew Nolan,	"	7 50
John Kiley,	"	4 00
C. D. Bardwell,	"	3 00
E. A. Bardwell,	"	18 10
Jos. Stoddard,	"	1 80

\$2516.12

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid C. B. Kingley, soda and sulphuric acid,	\$ 44 78
Star Printing Co., printing reports, order book, and stationery	54 20
Public library for Book cases,	105 00
Benj. P. Dole, services as assessor and cash pd.,	102 59
Michael Larkin, " " "	33 75
Henry G. Moore, " " "	33 75
Joseph Billings, cash paid,	19 80
Conn. River R. R., freight,	1 40
A. M. Peck, services sexton and returning deaths,	22 00
A. E. Strong, cash paid,	4 10
C. H. Brewster, paint and door for school house,	16 24
Ezra White, posts and gate for cemetery,	15 00
Chas. W. Marsh, labor cemetery West Farms,	4 00
L. B. White, repairs school house, " "	16 30
H. S. Hubbard, wood for town hall and library,	17 00
D. W. Blodgett, repairs school house West Farms,	6 00
L. S. Crafts, " " " West Brook,	35 50
Reuben Belding, painting school house West Farms,	14 50
Eames & Sprague, stove pipe, &c., for school houses and town hall,	115 18
Jas. Porter, services school committee and cash paid,	65 00
Geo. A. Billings, " " " "	59 06
Oscar Belden, " " " "	46 25
W. D. Billings, services as clerk and cash paid express,	35 70
W. D. Billings, recording and returning births, deaths and marriages,	37 80

Paid E. A. Bardwell, services as treasurer &c.,	31 00
" " mdse. library and town hall,	5 04
A. B. Loomis, flagging stone school house	
Dist. No. 2,	28 00
John McHugh, sawing wood,	4 50
Joseph Marsh, for Dictionaries for schools,	20 00
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	\$993.44

BILLS RECEIVABLE.

Note and Interest John D. Brown,	\$241 65
" " " Alvin Sanderson;	144 50
" " " Dwight P. Morton,	181 52
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	\$567.67

BILLS PAYABLE.

Support of Oliver Bardwell, to March 1st, 1875,	\$30 00
" Francis Abbot, " " " "	30 00
" Jane Stone & family " " " "	35 00
" Catherine Tobin, " " " "	30 00
" Pamelia Dickinson, " " " "	66 00
" Nancy Morton, " " " "	34 00
Services Selectmen 1874,	175 00
" Constable, collector and librarian,	150 00
Board of Tramps to March 1st, 1875,	60 00
Treasurer's Note Northampton Ins'n for Savings,	1975 00
" " Hampshire Savings Bank,	1300 00
" " " " "	5250 00
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	\$9135 00

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

Bal. in hands of Treas. and Collector, Mar. 1874,	\$ 4,463 57
Assessment Taxes for 1874,	10,475 00
Dog Fund 1873,	51 65
National Bank Tax from State,	1720 10
State Aid " "	356 93
Paupers " "	3 00
Mass. School Fund " "	200 26
Corporation Tax " "	109 12
Hampshire Savings Bank,	6550 00
Rent Town Hall,	11 00
For Stone,	2 00
Interest on Taxes,	104 87

\$24,047 50

EXPENDITURES.

Old bills,	\$ 646 08
Paupers,	1497 17
Cemetery, Pantry,	163 85
School House, “	154 61
“ “ Dist. No. 2,	198 03
Land Damage,	70 00
Cash paid for Edward Mosley,	6786 78
Public Library,	230 07
State Aid,	328 00
Town “	69 32
Schools,	2519 64
Highways and Bridges,	2516 12
Miscellaneous,	993 44
State Tax,	2140 00
County “	1974 75
Discount on Taxes,	298 49
Interest on Notes,	184 95
Abatement on Taxes,	31 73
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	\$20,803 03
Balance in hands of Treasurer and Collector,	3244 47
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	\$24,047 50

JOSEPH BILLINGS, } *Selectmen*
A. E. STRONG, } *of*
CHAS. L. WARNER, } *Hatfield.*

E. A. BARDWELL, TREASURER.

HATFIELD, March 8th, 1875.

THE MOSLEY DAMAGES.

THE Committee appointed by the Town for the settlement of claims of Edward Moseley, for damages from a defective bridge, report as follows :

Paid Edward Moseley for personal damages, .	\$5250 00
Rockwell & Moseley, damages to property,	1300 00
L. S. Bliss, care of horses and cash paid,	102 78
For sundry repairs,	59 50
J. R. Smith for services,	7 50
For legal and medical service,	67 00
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	\$6786.78

WM. H. DICKINSON,	} Committee.
SAMUEL P. BILLINGS,	
AMARIAH H. STRONG,	
CHAS. L. WARNER,	
JOSEPH BILLINGS,	

ARTICLES IN THE WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING MARCH 15, 1875.

- 1st.—To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.
- 2d.—To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing, including one person for member of the School Committee for three years. Also one person for Road Commissioner for three years.
- 3d.—To choose an Elector under the will of the late Oliver Smith.
- 4th.—To revise and accept the list of Jurors submitted by the Selectmen.
- 5th.—To hear the reports of the Selectmen, School Committee, Road Commissioners and Library Committee, and act thereon.
- 6th.—To receive and pass on town accounts.
- 7th.—To see if the town will abolish the Board of Road Commissioners.
- 8th.—To see what method the town will adopt for the maintainance and repairs of Highways and Bridges.
- 9th.—To take action in relation to raising money to defray the necessary expenses of the town for the ensuing year.
- 10th.—To see if the town will make an appropriation for the Public Library the ensuing year, and choose a committee for the same.
- 11th.—To see if the town will raise money for decoration purposes.
- 12th.—To see what action the town will take in relation to the prompt payment of taxes the ensuing year.
- 13th.—To see what action the town will take in regard to a petition of L. L. Draper to an abatement of taxes.
- 14th.—To see what action the town will take in regard to a claim of Elihu Marsh, for damages resulting from a defect in the highway.
- 15th.—To see if the town will insure its public buildings.
- 16th.—To see if the town will assume a part of the expense for the Bell recently purchased by the First Parish.
- 17th.—To see if the town will procure Hooks and Ladders for use in case of fire, and raise money for the same.
- 18th.—To see if the town will build a Receiving Tomb, and raise money for the same.
- 19th.—To see if the town will rebuild the school house at West Farms, and raise money for the same.
- 20th.—To see if the town will raise money to pay outstanding debts of the town.

LIST OF JURORS REPORTED BY THE SELECTMEN.

W. I. Bishop,
Philip Carl,
A. E. Strong,
Danl. A. Vining,
Chas. Wells,
R. H. Belden,
Henry G. Moore,

Chas. L. Graves,
Sam'l E. Witherell,
Chas. K. Morton,
Henry L. Waite,
Sam'l P. Billings,
Wm. H. Dickinson,
Daniel W. Wells,
F. D. Billings,

Rufus Cowles,
Alfred H. Graves,
W. D. Billings,
Roswell Hubbard,
S. G. Hubbard,
Eurotas Morton,
Edwin W. Field.

Appropriations, 1874.

Schools,	\$2000 00
Highways and Bridges,	2000 00
Paupers,	1500 00
Town Aid,	70 00
Repairs School House, Pantry,	150 00
“ Cemetery, “	150 00
“ School House, Dist. No.	200 00
Public Library,	250 00
Damages Edward Mosley,	1451 78
Contingencies,	1300 00

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

At the last annual meeting, the town voted their money for Schools in accordance with the provisions of the Statute, namely : that school money shall be used for the payment of teachers including board, fuel, care of fires, and school rooms : leaving the unexpended school money, to be used by the committee as a part of the funds for the year following.

March 1874, the town voted the sum of two thousand dollars for school purposes.

According to the Selectmen's report, the amount of unexpended school money in the Treasury, was five hundred eighty three dollars and seventy five cents.

The amount received from the State School Fund, two hundred and six dollars. Making exclusive of the dog fund which was voted to be appropriated to schools, two thousand seven hundred and eighty nine dollars and seventy five cents. \$2,789.75.

Your Committee have endeavoured to procure such teachers as would give to the children of the town, the best returns for money expended. We are glad to report that our schools with hardly an exception, have been a decided success.

Teachers who have been continued in our schools, have labored with the same untiring zeal, and consequently secured such success as gives your committee pleasure to commend. Some having commenced, while others having renewed their work afresh in our schools, have created a stimulus too mark-

ed to be passed by unnoticed, the results of which have been favorable, in interest awakened: the schools at West Brooks and West Hatfield, close with a long stride in advance of where they were one year ago.

There is the same need of educating many of our parents to the importance of looking to the punctuality and constancy in attendance, on the part of their children, from the commencement of the first day of each term, through all the intervening days to the close, but as it may seem like following in the old ruts to bring up this subject again, we will satisfy ourselves with alluding to this fault, of so long standing; hoping, that keeping this subject before the people, will effect some improvement, at least.

The importance of continuing the same teachers in the same school. The subject of Drawing, as practiced already, and what it may be in the future, as a prescribed study. The relations of parents to their children in school, have been pretty thoroughly discussed in former reports, and still we say to parents: manifest an interest in the schools,—not only in words outside the school room, but by your presence inside. There is too much inclination on the part of all to act as though it was intruding, to enter a school room in school hours. Teachers feel the need of sympathy in their work on the part of parents, and scholars receive an increased stimulus and confidence in demeanor by repeated manifestations of personal interest. That can be shown in no better way than by seeing them at their work.

In years past, old school houses, and the building of new ones; the encroachment that ill-ventilated, incommodious rooms were making upon the health, and the probable length of life of our children, were subjects for the pen of school committees. Now we have but little occasion in this line to spin out a report, unless it be how we may make comfortably warm our more spacious rooms; save where the fiery element has taken things into its own hands, and laid low our labor and design. Consequently, the town will be obliged to make an appropriation for a new building at West Farms.

By vote of the town at our last annual meeting, the School Committee were directed to complete the grading and build a fence around the grounds of the center school house. The town raised the sum of two hundred dollars for this purpose. Your committee have attended to their duty and have endeavored to put the fence and grounds in such shape as was expressed by the action of the town, the expense of which amounted to \$198.03.

All who have been conversant with the center school building, must have noticed that the portico was in bad condition, caused by the action of frost upon the foundation of the pillars. In order that it might be remedied, two large flag stones were procured, which, with suitable foundation stone beneath, has removed the difficulty.

As the statute prescribes that twenty-five per cent of what is received from the State school fund may be used by the committee for books of reference, maps and apparatus, we have, in accordance with this provision, used the sum of twenty dollars and sixty-four cents.

No. of children in town, according to the assessors' returns, between five and fifteen years of age,	304
No. reported last year	300
No. of children that have attended school,	284
" " over fifteen, " "	13
" " under five, " "	7
No. of different teachers employed,	12

NAMES OF TEACHERS AND WAGES PER MONTH, INCLUDING BOARD, WITH
AMOUNT RECEIVED.

<i>Hill Gram'r</i> ...	Maria L. Tuttle,.....	Sum. and Fall,	\$36 00	\$189 00
<i>Hill Prim.</i>	Jane M. Cowles,.....		32 00	296 00
<i>Center Gram.</i> {	Mary E. Wells,.....	Summer,	40 00	120 00
	Eunice Morton,.....	Fall,	32 00	88 00
	Clara Streeter,.....	Winter,	40 00	140 00
<i>Center Prim.</i> ...	Mary C. Billings,.....	Summer, Fall & Win.,	34 00	314 00
<i>West Farms.</i> ...	Alice L. Bartlette,.....	" "	32 00	264 00
<i>West Brook.</i> ...	Jessie R. Whitman,.....	Summer and Fall,	36 00	
	" " "	Winter,	40 00	347 00
<i>West Hatfield.</i> {	Jennie E. Nichols,.....	Summer,	34 00	102 00
	Emma Rhoad,.....	Fall,	36 00	99 00
	Mrs Mary A. P. Bishop,.	Winter,	36 00	126 00
Amount expended for Teachers, including board, fuel, and care of school room, with apparatus,.....				\$2519 64
Amount raised for Schools by Tax,.....				2000 00
Amount of unexpended School money in Treasury March, 1874,.....				583 75
Received from State School Fund,.....				206 00
Amount due from the Dog Fund,.....				

JAMES PORTER, OSCAR BELDEN, GEORGE A. BILLINGS,	}	School Committee of the Town of Hatfield
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	Length of School in Weeks.		Whole Number of Scholars in each School.		Average Attendance in Each School.		No. of children under five years of age.		No. of children over fifteen years of Age.						
	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	Sum.	Fall.	Win.			
Hill Grammar,...	12	9	15	34	29	35	24 ⁶⁷ ₁₁₇	19 ⁸⁶ ₈₇	23 ⁹³ ₁₀₀	0	0	0	1	0	4
Hill Primary,....	12	11	14	49	56	52	40 ² ₃	45 ⁵ ₅	40 ⁶³ ₆₃	1	2	1	0	0	0
Center Grammar,.,	12	11	14	41	42	47	33 ¹¹ ₁₂	30 ² ₁₁	39	0	0	0	0	1	3
Center Primary,..	12	11	14	55	56	43	44 ¹ ₆	44 ¹⁴ ₅₅	35 ⁹ ₆₇	2	1	0	0	0	0
West Farms,.....	12	11	10	22	23	23	17 ¹³ ₁₅	18 ⁸ ₅₅	18 ³ ₅	2	0	0	0	0	0
West Brook,.....	12	11	14	28	28	34	21	24	27 ² ₂	0	0	0	1	2	4
West Hatfield,....	12	11	14	28	34	50	15 ⁵³ ₆₀	24 ⁷ ₂₅	36 ³ ₇	0	1	1	1	0	2

REPORTS

OF

THE SELECTMEN

AND

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF HATFIELD,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1876.

NORTHAMPTON, MASS.:

STEAM PRESS OF GAZETTE PRINTING COMPANY.

1876.

Selectmen's Report.

In compliance with law and custom, the Selectmen again present to the voters and citizens of the town of Hatfield their annual report.

Beginning the year with a realizing sense of the "hard times," we have endeavored to economize and retrench wherever and whenever it has been in our power to so do. Notwithstanding, in some departments we have exceeded the appropriations made at the annual meeting, as in case of expenditures for the

POOR.

These we have *always* with us. How much more, then, may we expect to be called upon for aid, when we take into consideration the *present* financial condition of the country. Business depressed, demand for labor scarce, need we wonder that there should be an increasing demand upon the towns and cities of the Commonwealth for help? And so has it been with us. In some cases, calls for temporary aid, in others, for full support. We mention here the cases of Oliver Vining and family. We found him prostrate, in the last stages of consumption, his family destitute. For them we provided food, medical care, and nurses, until his death. Since then his family have cared for themselves. Wm. Jenkins, no settlement in this State, sick with typhoid fever; Robert Reardon, sick with pneumonia, also a State pauper. For expense on account of the two last we expect to be remunerated by the State.

Have buried, within the year, three persons, Pamela Dickinson, Nancy Morton, and child of Christian Schroeder. The two first are the last of those persons who have been so long supported

by the town, and as a considerable portion of the annual appropriation has been expended for these, it will be seen that for the coming year our expense for the poor will be greatly reduced, other things being equal.

Our expense for that class of paupers known as "tramps," exceeds that of last year, notwithstanding we have made arrangements so that the cost per head has been considerably reduced. The number this year has been 429, against 160 last year. For the first month we paid 75 cents, and since, 50 cents per head, so that the entire cost of keeping these people has been \$224.35. We believe it to be an open question whether or not it would be policy for the town to build a lock-up for their accommodation. It certainly would be, if the numbers are to increase during the coming year as they have in the past. In 1875, the Legislature passed an act authorizing the town authorities to compel these tramps to work a certain length of time every day, but that seems to be of no avail to us, as we have nothing that they can do with profit to the town.

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

At your last annual meeting, the board of Road Commissioners was abolished, and the repairs of highways and bridges placed into the hands of six surveyors, with the exception of repairs of bridges exceeding the cost of \$20, which was left to the selectmen, a plan somewhat similar to that adopted some years ago. We believe this has operated successfully, and, so far as we know, satisfactorily.

We report the roads and bridges to be in good condition, with one or two exceptions, viz.: two bridges at Middle Going Over, so called. These will need some repairs soon.

We believe that some reductions may be made in the appropriation for repairs for the coming year, from that of last, and would recommend that the same method be adopted.

HOOKS AND LADDERS.

At the annual meeting you appropriated \$250 for the purchase of hooks and ladders for use in case of fire, instructing the selectmen to expend the same. This we have done, and in each

school district have placed two ladders, one twenty-five and one eighteen feet in length ; also, three hand hooks, and one large hook with rope and chain attached. Have also procured new hose for the Hydraulic Engine. The hooks and ladders are placed as follows:

Hill District, at School House.

South Centre District, premises D. W. Wells.

North " " " C. D. Bardwell.

West Farms " " Oscar Belden.

West Brook " " Daniel Vining.

Pantry " " A. E. Strong.

We have also a forty feet ladder, which may be found on the premises of D. W. Wells.

INSURANCE.

We have carried out our instructions in regard to the insurance of public buildings, and at present they stand insured as follows:

Town Hall,	\$2,000
School House, Centre,	6,000
" " Hill,	3,000
" " West Farms,	3,000
" " Pantry,	800
" " West Brook,	1,000

The aggregate cost has been \$264.00. The new policies are all for five years, and all in stock companies.

CLAIMS OF ELIHU MARSH.

At the last annual meeting, the matter of claims of Elihu Marsh, for damages on highway, was referred to the selectmen. We have carefully investigated the case, and, in view of the facts, would recommend that the town take no action in regard to the matter.

We present to you herewith a statement in detail of our disbursements for the year ending March 1st, 1876. We hoped that all bills and claims against the town would be presented on or before that time. We believe, however, that there are some that have not been brought in. We would here say to all those interested, that if they would present their claims before the close of the financial year, it would enable the selectmen to pre-

sent a more accurate report, and give the people a clearer insight as to the actual expenses of the town.

Our liabilities at the present time consist of notes held by the Savings Banks in Northampton, amounting to \$8,525.00, and outstanding bills to about \$500.00. Total, \$9,025.00. To offset this, we find in the hands of the Treasurer and Collector assets amounting to \$4,787.69, leaving a balance of \$4,237.31 as the indebtedness of the town.

SUMMARY.

Notes in Savings Banks,	\$8,525 00	
Outstanding Bills,	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$9,025 00
In hands of Collector and Treasurer,	\$4,185 05	
Demand Notes and Interest,	602 64	
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Indebtedness of the Town,		<hr/> \$4,237 31

EXPENDITURES.

PAID OLD BILLS.

Adam Doppman, labor highway,	\$13 00
Philip Jubenville, " "	8 71
M. E. Warner, " "	14 00
Leander Cooley, " "	9 25
H. Shumway, " "	17 50
Frank Prince, " "	2 25
S. W. Kingsley, " and material,	17 91
Board Pamela Dickinson,	66 00
" Nancy Morton,	33 00
" Francis Abbott,	33 00
" Catherine Tobin,	31 56
" Oliver Bardwell,	36 34
" Tramps,	67 00
L. S. Crafts, care watering tank,	5 00
J. E. Wight, care cemetery, West Farms,	5 00

A. E. Strong, services selectman,	\$35 00
Chas. L. Warner, " "	26 00
Jos. Billings, " " " "	120 00
Support Jane Stone and family,	28 50
" Lewis Beaugor and family,	4 41
" Thos. Fitzgerald,	10 00
C. M. Barton, M. D., med. ser. family Sela Wheeler,	15 00
" " " " " " " Hosea Wheeler,	15 50
" " " " " " " Thos. Fitzgerald,	16 75
" " " " " " " John Fitzgerald,	2 00
" " " " " " " Catherine Tobin,	2 00
C. L. Knowlton, M. D., med. ser. Pamela Dickinson,	8 00
G. A. Pierce, M. D., med. ser. removing John Fitzgerald and Catherine Tobin to Insane Asylum,	12 00
W. H. Todd & Co., lock for Town Hall,	2 75
Horace Shumway, drawing coal,	8 50
Dwight Dickinson, damage on highway,	3 75
Myron Harwood, M. D., med. ser. Ashley Wheeler,	16 00
L. S. Crafts, sawing wood,	6 75
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	\$692 43

PAID STATE AID.

Mrs. Ruth Dennis,	88 00
" Minerva Anderson,	92 00
" Clara Vining,	48 00
" U. B. Graves,	20 00
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	\$248 00

PAID TOWN AID.

Mrs. U. B. Graves,	34 66
" Clara Vining,	34 66
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	\$69 32

PAID FOR HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Chester W. White, building bridges, West Brook,	\$118 00
Chas. N. Coleman, repairing Pine Bridge,	40 00
Moses E. Warner, building bridge, Fitch's Mill,	50 00
" " " labor,	11 00
L. N. Granger, lumber,	34 85

Edward C. Waite, lumber,	\$22 00
“ “ “ labor,	8 52
Alvin Sanderson, services surveyor,	50 00
“ “ labor,	42 55
Edwin Brainerd, services surveyor,	34 85
“ “ labor,	27 70
A. J. Cutter, services surveyor,	40 00
“ “ “ labor,	38 00
Chas. L. Graves, services surveyor,	38 30
“ “ “ labor,	13 62
Henry G. Moore, services surveyor,	34 31
“ “ “ lumber,	13 00
John Fitzgibbons, services surveyor,	40 00
“ “ labor,	61 44
Frank Prince, “	27 10
Patrick Doolan, “	1 50
Otis C. Wells, “	3 00
D. W. Wells, “	5 50
L. G. Curtis, “	7 75
John O'Neil, “	12 35
J. D. Billings, “	26 15
David Billings, “	3 75
Jos. Billings, “	11 50
Mack Lamountain, earth,	7 50
E. Hubbard, labor,	13 00
S. G. Hubbard, “	5 50
M. N. Hubbard, “	9 40
C. E. Hubbard, “	7 75
H. S. Hubbard, “	20 50
“ “ “ lumber,	2 73
J. D. Porter, labor,	6 75
Edward Proulx, “	8 25
Adam Doppman, “	2 50
A. M. Peck, “	75
Leander Cooley, “	9 50
Henry R. Graves, “	5 50
Fred Carl, “	4 00
Philip Carl, “	12 75
Luman Moore, “	3 00
Edwin Kingsley, “	4 72

John Ryan,	labor,	\$9 65
Chas. Wilkie,	"	9 00
M. P. Bradford,	"	3 00
Elihu Marsh,	"	7 00
Anthony Allair, Jr.,	"	6 60
Oliver Goodchild,	"	8 40
Wm. Boyle,	"	10 00
Peter Pecor,	"	5 24
N. T. Abells,	" and tile,	6 02
A. E. Strong,	"	15 50
Henry Wade,	"	3 00
S. W. Kingsley,	" and material,	25 65
Lewis Rabboin,	"	2 68
John McHugh,	"	5 10
Peter Rosebush,	"	1 50
Wm. Kaiser,	"	1 35
George Smith,	"	90
H. F. Bardwell,	"	7 61
John St. Peter,	"	3 00
Michael Larkin,	"	2 75
L. S. Bliss,	"	3 37
Wm. P. Allis,	"	11 00
Jas. Ryan,	"	9 10
Jas. Porter,	"	6 00
George Vollinger,	"	1 41
W. B. Russell,	"	1 50
Jas. Nolan,	"	2 88
Thos. Cutter,	"	4 50
Chas. L. Cowles,	"	4 13
C. D. Bardwell,	"	2 75
F. D. Billings,	"	1 95
Chas. Kingsley,	"	3 00
Israel Morton,	"	1 50
Mrs. J. T. Fitch,	"	12 89
Francis Teru,	"	4 50
M. C. Porter,	"	5 50
J. D. Brown,	"	12 20
Patrick Mullaney,	"	1 55
James Ryan,	"	1 50
Geo. W. Fitch,	"	14 19

Geo. W. Fitch lumber,	\$93 52
Geo. L. Marsh, labor,	7 68
Chas. K. Morton, "	4 00
L. Vollinger, "	67
John Batzhold, "	1 34
E. A. Bardwell, "	9 36
" " " material,	4 32
Michael Clancy, labor,	3 00
Matthew Nolan, "	1 20
Wm. H. Dickinson, "	22 00
J. G. Ward, stone,	7 40
D. P. Morton, stone and timber,	7 00
Henry Dwight, labor,	3 00
E. M. Martin, merchandise,	1 75
Henry G. Moore, cash paid,	1 85
Erastus Billings, labor,	5 50
O. S. Graves, "	4 65
Sanford Sanderson, "	2 25
R. H. Belden, "	2 00
Oscar Belden, "	3 00
A. S. Jones, "	13 75
Francis Mosher, "	2 00
Eurotus Morton, "	11 80
Eleazer Cooley, "	3 50
Dennis Cooley, "	5 50
John W. Field, "	1 37
H. H. Field, "	2 87
E. W. Field, "	3 45
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	\$1,419 94

PAID FOR SCHOOLS.

Edward C. Waite, wood,	\$15 00
P. L. Strong & Sons, "	60 00
Horace Waite, "	19 00
H. S. Hubbard, " and coal,	63 50
" " " cash paid,	17 25
C. G. & F. A. Crafts, coal,	27 18
Geo. A. Billings, "	111 63
" " " cash paid,	12 90

L. McIntire, coal,	\$14 14
George Graves, services janitor,	8 25
Wm. L. Burt, " "	4 50
Geo. Graves, " "	7 50
Jos. Gilbert, sawing wood,	5 50
Erastus Strong, " "	7 50
David Powers, " "	12 00
J. R. Whitman, teaching and board,	349 00
Helen M. Nash, " "	98 40
Mary C. Billings, " and board,	195 50
A. P. Bishop, " " "	108 00
Jane M. Cowles, " " "	195 50
Martha Gardner, " " "	220 50
Hattie C. Billings, " " "	102 00
Clara Streeter, " " "	182 00
Ruth E. Abells, " " "	99 00
Mrs. C. W. Billings, board,	48 00
Albert Marsh, " "	48 00
H. W. Field, " "	50 00
E. A. Bardwell, merchandise,	12 80
Jane M. Cowles, teaching and board,	119 00
Oscar Relden, cash paid,	22 25
Wm. Burt, services janitor,	10 50
Myron Porter, " "	17 50
Ruth E. Abells, teaching and board,	126 00
Clara Streeter, " " "	140 00
Mary C. Billings, " " "	119 00
Geo. A. Billings, cash paid,	2 18
Henry Cutter, services janitor,	5 00
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	\$2,655 98

PAID FOR PAUPERS.

Support Pamela Dickinson,	\$203 00
" Nancy Morton,	193 00
" Jane Stone and family,	211 55
" Francis Abbott,	165 31
" Oliver Bardwell,	169 16
" Catherine Tobin,	122 72
" Oliver Vining and family,	174 27

Thos. Cutter, support tramps,	\$66 50
N. P. Gould, " "	157 85
Support Lewis Beaugor and family,	28 01
" Christian Schroeder and family,	27 49
" Cynthia Remington,	34 92
" Henry Minke and family,	8 75
" Buckley children,	10 00
" Mrs. Joseph Richards,	5 00
George Hathaway, clothing,	4 50
— Anderson,	2 00
C. M. Barton, M. D., medical services, Geo. H. Pierce,	5 00
Lewis Goodchild, provision for Lewis Beaugor,	1 60
Joseph Billings, cash paid for paupers,	7 50
Board and care Wm. Jenkins,	58 00
Board and clothing for Lewis Covill,	54 00
Chas. L. Warner, cash paid tramp,	1 50
A. M. Peck, services sexton,	8 00
Support Robert Reardon,	16 50
" Lewis Beaugor.	11 00
" Christian Schroeder,	10 00
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	\$1,757 13

MISCELLANEOUS.

Edward C. Waite, wood for Town Hall,	\$14 00
Theo. Porter, sawing wood for Town Hall,	2 00
Peck & Pierce, insurance,	264 00
L. S. Crafts, repairs school house, West Brook,	5 00
Star Printing Co., for reports and order book,	50 87
Dexter Jones, repairs Engine House and Town Hall,	3 75
D. W. Wells, services assessor,	43 00
J. D. Porter, " "	31 25
W. D. Billings, " "	47 50
" " " cash paid for assessors,	4 50
Bridgman & Childs, books,	5 00
Chas. W. Marsh, care cemetery, West Farms,	5 00
A. M. Peck, " "	14 75
" " " returning deaths,	9 50
" " " repairs hearse,	1 50
C. H. Jones, repairs Town Hall and school house,	9 00

D. W. & H. H. Bond, legal services selectmen,	\$33 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ school house building committee, West Farms,	5 00
Trumbull & Gere, for posters,	2 00
H. S. Hubbard, repairs school house,	7 00
Mrs. J. T. Fitch, box for hooks and ladders,	3 00
E. A. Bardwell, services treasurer and constable,	29 00
“ “ “ cash paid stationery,	3 00
“ “ “ merchandise for library,	1 85
Joseph Billings, expense N. Y. and Springfield,	22 50
Joseph Billings, cash paid, sundries,	8 00
S. D. Porter, services surveyor,	12 00
E. A. Stockbridge, care watering tank,	5 00
A. S. Jones & Son, rent for school room,	20 00
Oscar Belden, freight for desks for school house,	23 61
Mrs. John Leary, cleaning school house,	6 00
James Porter, cash paid clerk board of electors,	2 00
George A. Billings, services school committee,	27 25
Henry S. Hubbard, repairs school house,	6 00
Oscar Belden, services school committee,	30 00
George A. Billings, services school committee,	15 00
W. D. Billings, ser. clerk, cash, express and postage,	30 00
“ “ “ recording and returning births, deaths and marriages,	32 00
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	\$833 83

PAID FOR FIRE HOOKS AND LADDERS.

C. E. Hartshorn, fire hooks,	\$132 00
Homer Foote & Co., rope,	21 23
Conn. River R. R. Co., freight,	1 09
J. D. Norton & Sons, ladders,	92 00
A. M. Ball, hose for fire engine,	21 00
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	\$267 32

PAID FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY.

E. J. Cornwell, books and binding books,	\$25 42
Bridgman & Childs, books,	164 20
“ “ “ “	17 75
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	\$207 37

PAID FOR SCHOOL HOUSE, WEST FARMS.

Lysander Chaffin, labor,	\$170 00
A. S. Jones, building committee,	2,999 00
Oscar Belden, " "	765 00
Elihu Marsh, board,	65 00—\$3,999 00

PAID FIRST PARISH.

D. W. Wells, treasurer, for bell,	\$350 00
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BILLS RECEIVABLE.

Note and interest, John D. Brown,	\$257 00
" " " Alvin Sanderson,	153 25
" " " D. P. Morton,	192 39— \$602 64

BILLS PAYABLE.

Treas. Note, Hampshire Savings Bank,	\$5,250 00
" " " " "	1,300 00
" " Northampton " "	1,975 00
Outstanding Bills,	500 00—\$9,025 00

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS, 1875.

Anthony Allair, Jr., license,	\$75 00
H. S. Gere, dog fund, 1874,	77 24
Corporation tax,	77 16
State aid,	386 14
Bank tax,	2,377 89
School fund,	210 95
Paupers, received from State,	18 00
Rent Town Hall,	7 00
Estate Nancy Morton,	12 01
" Pamela Dickinson,	40 85
Balance in hands collector and treasurer, March, 1875,	3,244 47
Assessment taxes for 1875,	15,315 76
Interest on taxes, received from E. A. Bardwell,	28 74
Received from town treasurer,	7 50
H. S. Gere, dog fund, 1875,	86 70—\$21,965 41

EXPENDITURES, 1875.

Old bills,	\$714 88
Paupers,	1,757 13
Public Library,	207 37
State aid,	248 00
Town “	69 32
Schools,	2,655 98
Highways and bridges,	1,419 93
Miscellaneous,	833 84
State tax,	2,140 00
County tax,	2,003 13
Discount on taxes,	456 79
Interest on notes,	530 16
State Treas., one fourth liquor license fees,	18 75
“ “ error bank tax, 1874,	20 92
School House, West Farms,	3,999 00
Fire hooks and ladders,	267 32
Assessors order of abatement,	88 84
First Parish, for bell,	350 00
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	\$17,781 36
Balance in hands of treasurer and collector,	4,185 05
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	\$21,966 41

JOSEPH BILLINGS, } *Selectmen*
A. E. STRONG, } *of*
CHAS. L. WARNER, } *Hatfield.*

E. A. BARDWELL, *Treasurer.*

HATFIELD, March 1st, 1876.

ARTICLES IN THE WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING, MARCH 20TH, 1876.

ARTICLE 1ST. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2ND. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing, including one person for member of the School Committee for three years.

ART. 3RD. To choose an Elector under the will of the late Oliver Smith, Esq.

ART. 4TH. To revise and accept the list of Jurors, as submitted by the Selectmen.

ART. 5TH. To hear the reports of the Selectmen and School Committee, and act thereon.

ART. 6TH. To receive and pass on town accounts.

ART. 7TH. To take action in relation to raising money to defray the necessary expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

ART. 8TH. To see what method the town will adopt for the maintenance and repairs of Highways and Bridges the ensuing year.

ART. 9TH. To see if the town will make an appropriation for the Public Library the ensuing year, and choose a Committee for the same.

ART. 10TH. To see what action the town will take in relation to the prompt payment of taxes the ensuing year.

ART. 11TH. To see if the town will raise money to pay the outstanding debts of the town.

ART. 12TH. To see if the town will abate certain taxes committed to E. F. Billings for collection.

LIST OF JURORS REPORTED BY THE SELECTMEN.

Charles Wells,
 Dan'l A. Vining,
 Edwin W. Field,
 Dan'l W. Wells,
 W. D. Billings,
 F. D. Billings,
 Rufus Cowles,
 Henry L. Waite,
 Wm. H. Dickinson,
 Chas. L. Graves,
 Sam'l P. Billings,

Roswell Hubbard,
 Philip Carl,
 R. H. Belden,
 Chas. Wilkie,
 P. L. Strong,
 J. E. Wight,
 Leander Cooley,
 M. E. Warner,
 J. D. Porter,
 Elisha Hubbard,
 Chas. N. Coleman.

 APPROPRIATIONS, 1875.

School House, West Farms,	\$3,999 00
Schools,	2,000 00
Town debt,	2,000 00
Paupers,	1,600 00
Highways and bridges,	1,500 00
Contingencies,	1,000 00
First Parish,	350 00
Public Library,	250 00
Fire hooks and ladders,	250 00
Town aid,	70 00
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	\$13,019 00

School Committee's Report.

The Town voted \$2,000 for the support of Schools the past year. In addition to this sum, there was an unexpended balance in the treasury of \$270.11; \$210.95 has been received from the State School Fund; the Dog Fund for the years 1873 and 1874, \$128.89—all making the sum of \$2,609.95.

In presenting a report of the Schools of this town, we feel warranted in stating that an average degree of prosperity has been attained the past year. The number of Schools has been the same as in previous years. There has been little change of teachers, nine being the whole number employed. Of these, five have been retained throughout the year, four of them in the same school. All have seemed to manifest an interest in their work, and labored faithfully.

The amount of money paid to teachers and for board, varies but little from last year's report. Fuel has cost \$130 more than last year, owing to the larger amount of coal used in the furnace at the Center School house, and bills paid for wood, that did not properly belong to the current expenses of the year. These bills, with other small items, have increased the cost of our schools a small sum above the appropriation, a fact we were not aware of until the final summing up of accounts. For the school at the Farms the Summer and Fall terms, we were obliged to use a small, inconvenient room, and the scholars, of course, labored under many disadvantages. The Winter term did not commence until December 20th, the new house not being ready for occupancy before that time.

While we speak of the schools as comparing favorably with former years, we are aware that it is possible that a much higher standard of excellence might be attained. The one great drawback to their progress is a general lack of interest on the part of parents. They do not encourage the school by their presence, or

see that their children make the best use of its privileges. This is the prime cause of the great number of absent and tardy marks seen on the Registers. Children are not able to comprehend the importance of always being present and in season. It is the parents' duty to see to that, and teach the good, wholesome lesson of punctuality. This fault has been ably set forth in previous reports, and we believe it should be in all future reports, until it is in some measure remedied, and the scholars in town receive the full benefit of the money expended for their education.

A new school building has been erected at the Farms the past season ; \$3,999 was voted by the town, for this purpose, at the last annual spring meeting. In addition to this sum, \$1.000 in money and work has been contributed by the people of the district, to build and furnish a hall in said building, that might be used for various purposes to meet the wants of the neighborhood. The School Committee were obliged to assume the responsibility of furnishing the school room, the appropriation in the hands of the Building Committee being already exhausted. The cost of furniture was \$223.

As a town we are well supplied with good, substantial school buildings, which is an important feature in the foundation of good schools, and which calls for more vigilance in the care of them than has before been given, that they be not defaced or damaged in any way. While this comes within the sphere of School Committee's duties, every citizen has a right, and should not fail to call attention to any thing wrong discovered about the school premises. Repairs on school houses is yearly a large item in town expenses, which ought to be, in a large measure, dispensed with. The present time calls for an economy that shall keep intact what property we have, and to receive an equivalent for every dollar expended either for public or private good.

Number of children in town, according to the assessors' re-	
turns, between five and fifteen years of age,	311
No. reported last year,	304
No. of children that have attended school,	299

NAMES OF TEACHERS AND WAGES PER MONTH.

Hill Grammar, Hattie C. Billings, summer,	\$34 00
“ “ J. R. Whitman, fall,	36 00
“ “ J. R. Whitman, winter,	40 00
Hill Primary, Jane M. Cowles,	34 00
Center Grammar, Clara Streeter,	40 00
Center Primary, Mary C. Billings,	34 00
West Farms, Ellen M. Nash,	32 00
West Brook, J. R. Whitman, summer,	40 00
“ “ Martha Gardner, fall and winter,	36 00
West Hatfield, Mrs. Mary A. P. Bishop, summer,	36 00
“ “ Mrs. Ruth E. Abells, fall and winter,	36 00
Amount expended for Teachers, including board, fuel, care of school rooms, with apparatus,	2,655 00
Amount raised for Schools by tax,	2,000 00
Amount of unexpended school money in treasury, March, 1875,	270 11
Received from State School Fund,	210 95
Received from Dog Fund for the years 1873 and 1874,	128 89

GEORGE A. BILLINGS,	} <i>School Committee of the Town of Hatfield.</i>
HENRY S. HUBBARD,	
OSCAR BELDEN,	

SCHOOLS.	Length of school in weeks.			Whole No. of scholars in each school.			Average attendance in each school.			No. of children under five years of age.			No. of children over fifteen years of age.		
	Summer.	Fall.	Winter.	Summer.	Fall.	Winter.	Summer.	Fall.	Winter.	Summer.	Fall.	Winter.	Summer.	Fall.	Winter.
Hill Grammar..	12	11	13	33	31	33	23	23 ¹ ₂	26 ¹ ₂				1		
Hill Primary...	12	11	14	52	54	42	41 ²³ ₃₀	42 ² ₃	33 ² ₃₃	3	4				
Centre Grammar	12	11	14	37	32	44	30	26					1		6
Centre Primary.	12	11	14	61	55	47	47	44 ⁵ ₅₄	35 ²⁶ ₃₅	3					1
West Farms....	12	13	14	23	19	26	16 ² ₃	15 ¹ ₂					1		3
West Brook....	12	10 ¹ ₂	14	30	33	38	23	23	31						4
West Hatfield..	12	11	14	30	38	43	24	29 ¹ ₂	35	1	1				

REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF HATFIELD,

For the Year Ending March 1, 1877.

NORTHAMPTON:
STEAM PRESS OF GAZETTE PRINTING COMPANY.
1877.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Hatfield, the Selectmen thereof respectfully present their Report for the year ending March 1st, 1877.

THE POOR.

For the relief of the poor, we have somewhat exceeded the appropriation (\$1,200). The reason is obvious—hard times. You will observe, however, that the Treasurer gives us credit for \$45.00, received from the State and from the town of Northampton. We still have a claim upon the town of Northampton for \$88.00 for aid rendered to William Hayes, who was sick in this town, but who, we believe, has a settlement there.

We are now supporting, in the Insane Asylum, Northampton, Francis Abbott and Allen M. Richmond, the latter coming upon the town within the year (May 1, 1876). We have been relieved of the support of Oliver Bardwell, he having received some property from a deceased relative. It was hoped that the town might recover, to some extent, the money expended on his account in years past, and we have put in a claim against his estate. We are advised, however, that there is no law whereby we can recover. His guardian has assumed his expenses since January 1st, 1876.

The number of applicants for temporary relief has increased during the winter. We hope, however, that, as soon as spring opens, we shall be relieved to a great extent of this class of paupers. Have buried five persons during the year: Lewis Beaugor, Tiba Wheeler and child, Cynthia Remington, and Lewis Covill.

The cost for tramps is \$20.00 less than in 1875. In comparing the last three months with the corresponding months of last year we notice a considerable decrease in numbers. We find that nearly half of the whole number provided for during the year came into town during the months of March and April.

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

The expense for repairs of highways and bridges for the year has been \$1,729.49, exceeding the appropriation by \$329.49. Of this the Selectmen have expended for new bridges and culverts, repairs of old bridges, and lumber for general use, about \$625.

The Surveyors have expended about \$1,100, not a large sum, when the amount of labor performed is taken into consideration. The roads were left in bad condition by the spring freshets, and a great many of the smaller bridges and sluices were badly washed, and have been rebuilt. The great amount of snow that has fallen during the past winter, has rendered necessary an unusual expenditure of money for that season of the year.

The bridges, with the exception of one, are now in good condition, although some of the older ones will doubtless need some repairs within the coming year. The bridge over the main stream on the Depot road will need attention as soon as the ground is in favorable condition. We recommend that about \$1,400 be appropriated for repairs of highways and bridges for the coming year.

TOWN DEBT.

At the annual meeting, the Selectmen were authorized to take measures to reduce, if possible, the rate of interest upon the town debt. On April 29, 1876, we succeeded in making a loan of Richardson, Hill & Co., of Boston, of \$5,500, on the following terms, viz. : rate of interest $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., payable semi-annually ; \$1,000 of the principal to be paid in one year, \$2,000 to be paid in two years, \$2,500 to be paid in three years. The first payment becomes due April 29th of this year. With these funds, a note of \$5,220, with interest, was paid at the Hampshire Savings Bank.

The liabilities of the town at the present time consist of these

notes (\$5,500), and notes held by Northampton savings banks (\$3,275), Selectmen's orders unpaid (\$1,473.38), outstanding bills amounting to about \$400, and balance County tax and interest (\$960.00); total, \$11,608.38. To offset this we find a balance against the Treasurer and Collector of \$6,289.15, leaving \$5,319.23 as the indebtedness of the town.

EXPENDITURES.

PAID OLD BILLS.

L. S. Crafts, care of watering tank,	\$ 5 00
Joseph Billings, services, Selectman,	120 00
A. E. Strong, " "	73 60
Charles L. Warner, " "	25 00
G. A. Pierce, M. D., professional services,	5 00
E. A. Stockbridge, care watering tank,	5 00
S. C. Wrightington State agent, board of James Shea,	23 00
E. H. Wood, house rent, house rent, Oliver Vining,	15 63
Smith & Searle, coffins, Pamela Dickinson and Nancy Morton,	37 25
Support of Francis Abbott,	35 00
" James Shea,	14 00
Sundry Highway bills,	111 69
C. M. Barton, M.D., professional ser., Cynthia Wheeler,	34 00
" " " " Robert Reardon,	7 00 -
" " " " William Jenkins,	29 00 -
" " " " Richard Wheeler,	9 00 -
" " " " Nancy Morton,	8 00 -
E. F. Billings, services, Constable, Collector and Librarian, 1874,	155 00
E. F. Billings, services, Constable, Collector and Librarian, 1875,	57 00
House rent, Jane M. Stone,	15 00
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PAID FOR PAUPERS.

Support of Christian Schroeder	\$ 71 00
“ Cynthia Remington,	69 50
“ Lewis Beaugor,	80 61
“ Anthony Gilbert,	19 83
“ Peter Pecor,	7 25
“ Buckley family,	21 00
“ Thomas McGrath,	24 00
“ Joseph Martin,	17 50
“ John Tobin,	10 00
“ James Shea,	87 37
“ Paul LaMountain,	5 00
“ Joseph Proulx,	5 00
“ Jane Stone and family,	68 00
“ Lewis Covill,	83 73
“ William Hayes,	88 00
“ Ellen M. Morley,	5 00
“ Francis Abbott,	175 05
“ A. M. Richmond,	144 32
N. P. Gould, tramps,	203 40
A. E. Strong, cash paid,	5 10
J. D. Billings, provisions,	4 86
Clapp & Johnson, provisions,	12 50
Mary Powers,	10 95
Smith & Searle, coffins for Lewis Beaugor, Tibi Remington and child, Cynthia Remington, Lewis Covill,	55 00
Joseph Billings,—Cash paid.	5 00
Frank Anderson, “	4 50
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	\$1,283 47

SCHOOLS.

Edmund Donavan, wood,	\$ 5 50
P. L. Strong & Sons, wood and sawing,	30 00
Edward C. Waite, “ “	42 00
Charles Wolfram, “	10 00
Erastus Strong, sawing wood,	7 50
Cooley Bartlett, “	1 50
William Burt, “	2 00
Alvin L. Strong, coal, and drawing,	44 13

Oscar Belden, coal,	\$32 00
Chas. T. Parsons, "	37 04
Charles Porter, services as janitor,	9 50
Henry Cutter, " "	8 00
William Burt, " "	22 75
William Porter, " "	13 00
Flora J. Pomeroy, teaching,	88 00
Jane M. Cowles, " and board,	262 50
Alice L. Bartlett, " "	154 00
Cora H. Eaton, " "	197 50
Clara Streeter, " "	102 00
Mary C. Billings, " "	262 50
Hope Alvord, " "	96 00
Eunice J. Morton, " "	80 00
Maria L. Tuttle, " "	190 50
Emma Porter, " "	97 50
Myra Parsons, " "	58 00
Albert H. Marsh, board of teacher,	30 00
John M. Strong, " "	39 00
Alvin L. Strong, " "	66 00
" " school apparatus,	5 19
Bridgman & Childs, books,	12 74
Joseph S. Wells, merchandise,	6 24
Lilla Smith, teaching and board,	91 00
Nicholas Powers, service as janitor,	2 25
Oscar Belden, maps,	22 25
Ellen M. Nash, teaching,	56 00
H. W. Field, board of teacher,	56 00
L. E. Field, services as janitor,	3 50
Fred. Vedemyer, " "	3 50
L. E. Bartlett, " "	3 25
Fred. Vedemyer, " "	3 25
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PAID HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Leander Cooley, labor,	\$ 18 59
Thomas Cutter, "	1 45
Adam Doppman, "	4 00
Pomeroy Doppman, "	2 86

Wm. B. Langdon,	labor,	\$11 59
James Ryan,	"	12 95
"	earth,	6 00
J. W. Field,	"	2 00
Theo. Baggs,	"	8 87
Fred. Carl,	"	7 00
Nicholas Powers,	"	6 60
Edwin Harris,	"	4 60
Erastus Strong,	"	6 30
Alvin L. Strong,	"	8 00
John Adams,	"	5 80
Paul LaMountain,	"	1 20
Henry G. Moore,	"	12 51
Luman Moore,	"	3 60
Albert Webber,	"	2 78
Elihu Marsh,	"	3 60
William Carson,	"	1 50
William M. Jones,	"	9 12
A. S. Jones & Sons,	"	15 50
Luther Wells,	"	13 15
Sylvanus Crafts,	"	1 03
C. W. White,	"	10 12
Lyman Abbott,	"	1 09
William Kaiser,	"	93
Dwight Morton,	"	28
James Breeor,	"	7 63
Michael Boyle,	"	7 80
Michael Ryan,	"	10 00
James Dunn,	"	8 50
Maurice Fitzgibbons,	"	50
Henry Stenglein,	"	1 50
George W. Fitch,	"	14 40
John McHugh,	"	2 48
Peter Pecor,	"	3 75
Charlotte W. Billings,	"	2 00
J. D. Billings,	"	3 75
F. D.	"	6 00
J. A.	"	3 00
S. F.	"	21 70
George W. Smith,	"	90

Patrick Mullany,	labor,	\$ 4 12
Michael Hade,	"	1 50
Anthony Allair, Jr.,	"	13 60
J. D. Brown,	"	10 25
Joseph Smith,	"	1 65
Anthony Johnson,	"	1 35
James Nolan,	"	3 00
Oscar Belden,	"	6 50
R. & W. H. Belden,	"	13 50
O. S. Graves,	"	3 46
Eurotas Morton,	"	4 74
Philos Doane,	"	75
William Boyle,	"	2 75
Chas. L. Graves,	services as surveyor,	40 55
"	" labor,	19 43
C. D. Bardwell,	services as surveyor,	30 00
"	" labor,	40 40
"	" lumber,	7 01
Edwin Brainerd,	services as surveyor,	37 20
"	" labor,	29 98
Jacob Carl,	services as surveyor,	20 00
"	" labor,	54 87
Henry H. Field,	services as surveyor,	25 75
"	" labor,	17 49
Henry R. Graves,	services as surveyor,	25 25
"	" labor,	26 85
Edward Waite,	lumber,	108 55
Estate L. N. Granger,	"	65 64
William P. Allis,	"	41 43
D. P. Morton,	"	34 29
Michael Boyle,	"	5 00
Frank W. Prince,	"	3 15
"	" labor,	13 00
John H. Ryan,	"	3 62
John B. Ryan,	"	20 00
Charles Kingsley,	"	2 92
Moses	"	3 75
Edwin	"	75
S. W. Kingsley,	"	6 90
John O'Neill,	"	11 72

H. S. Porter,	labor,	\$12 00
J. D. Porter,	"	4 00
Silas "	"	1 50
James "	"	6 00
Alvin Sanderson,	"	4 25
E. A. Stockbridge,	"	48
C. B. Marsh,	"	11 47
O. Marsh & Son,	"	27 55
D. W. Wells,	"	11 27
Joseph S. Wells, merchandise,		7 48
L. S. Crafts,	labor,	2 75
C. B. Dickinson,	"	13 50
William H. Dickinson,	"	16 80
" "	lumber,	16 22
David Fitzgerald,	labor,	1 45
Philip Jubenville,	"	1 25
Mrs. Elizabeth Mosher,	"	1 05
Daniel A. Vining,	"	2 75
Horace Waite,	"	4 78
A. M. Peck,	"	10 60
Peter Rosebush,	"	4 12
E. W. Field,	"	4 35
H. S. Hubbard,	"	16 95
M. N. "	"	14 00
Elisha "	"	5 00
S. G. "	"	9 50
Chas. E. "	"	5 50
John Gendron,	"	5 75
Philip Carl,	"	28 40
Edward Proulx,	"	15 75
L. S. Bliss,	"	4 25
Elijah Bardwell,	"	17 00
C. D. Bartlett,	"	3 96
William P. Allis,	"	11 00
N. P. Bradford,	"	9 00
Lewis Rabboin,	"	2 75
Patrick Daley,	"	38
Labor on Bridge near Depot,		26 96
" Pipe Bridge,		83 63
" Bridge near A. E. Strong's,		124 50

Labor on Bridge near West Farms,	\$ 29 60
“ Bridges, West Brook,	62 02
A. E. Strong, labor on Bridges,	16 50
John Gay, labor,	5 13
E. A. Stockbridge, “	48
M. E. Warner, “	20 00
E. S. Warner, “	6 25
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	\$1,729 49

MISCELLANEOUS.

Jos. Billings, cash paid expense to Buckland and Shelburne Falls,	\$ 5 00
Jos. Billings, cash paid, sundries,	8 00
“ “ “ “ Expense, Shelburne Falls,	5 00
“ “ “ “ Sundries,	8 10
“ “ “ “ Expense, Boston,	14 05
“ “ Drawing and sawing wood, town hall,	3 20
Trumbull & Gere, printing,	36 38
Thad. Graves, legal service, Sunderland bridge case,	30 00
“ “ “ “ Town vs. Alvin Sanderson,	10 00
“ “ “ Costs, “ “ “	25 03
Eames & Sprague, repairs, School House Hill,	40 27
“ “ Stove and fixtures, W. Farms,	60 77
O. D. Case & Co, furniture, school house, W. Farms,	201 19
Wm. Dougherty, repairs, school house, Center,	3 25
H. W. Hubbard, services, Assessor,	52 50
D. W. Wells, “ “	38 75
W. D. Billings, “ “	57 50
“ “ Cash paid for Assessors,	3 50
Bridgman & Childs, record book,	5 05
L. B. White, school house, W. Farms,	63 50
A. M. Peck, services as sexton,	9 00
“ “ “ “ and returning deaths,	12 75
Abating nuisance near Jas. O. Waites's,	60 48
L. P. Dole, repairing cemetery fence, Hill,	4 63
C. W. Marsh, “ “ W. Farms,	4 00
Patrick Daley, damage, highway,	2 25
Tillotson & Smith, merchandise, town hall,	8 50

Benj. M. Warner, express,	\$ 75
Charlotte W. Billings, drawing wood, town hall,	6 00
Marshall Wheeler, sawing wood, town hall,	1 50
Edward Waite, " " "	10 50
S. W. Kingsley, repairing road scraper,	30 00
Jos. S. Wells, merchandise,	2 30
Smith & Searle, window shades, school house, W. Farms,	3 63
A. E. Strong, repairing road scraper,	6 00
Oscar Belden, services as School Committee, and repairs,	24 90
Geo. A. Billings, " " "	29 00
" " cash paid,	12 25
W. D. Billings, services as Town Clerk,	25 00
" " Recording and returning births, deaths, and marriages,	31 80
W. D. Billings, postage,	1 20
E. S. Warner, services as Constable,	10 00
Theo. Porter, services as watchman, and care town hall,	3 00
E. F. Billings, services as Constable,	10 70
Bond Bros. & Bottum, legal service, Selectmen,	37 16
" " " " " Draper case,	97 33
Peck & Pierce, insurance,	50 00
Alvin L. Strong, cash paid, sundries,	10 33
Oscar Belden, services as School Committee,	17 00
Horace Shumway, express,	12 00
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	\$1,205 00

STATE AID.

Mrs. Ruth Dennis,	\$48 00
" Minerva Anderson,	48 00
" Clarissa Vining,	48 00
" U. B. Graves,	48 00
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TOWN AID.

Mrs. Clarissa Vining,	\$34 66
" U. B. Graves,	34 66
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	\$69 32

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Wm. Greenwood,	\$2 25
Bridgman & Childs, books,	86 94
Emma E. Porter, books,	2 00
Wm. P. Allis, wood,	5 00
Harlan P. Tisdall, sawing wood,	1 00
Wm. P. Allis, book,	2 50
Jos. S. Wells, merchandise,	3 14
Wm. P. Allis, catalogues,	34 00
E. J. Cornwell, binding books,	23 25
E. F. Billings, services as Librarian,	25 00
“ “ Cataloguing books,	10 75
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	\$195 83

BILLS PAYABLE.

Treas. Note, Richardson, Hill & Co.,	\$5,500 00
“ “ Hampshire Savings Bank,	1,300 00
“ “ Northampton “ “	1,975 00
Outstanding Bills,	400 00
“ Orders,	1,473 38
Balance County tax and interest,	960 00
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	\$11,608 38

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS, 1876.

Balance in hands Collector and Treas., March, 1876,	\$4,184 05
Note, J. D. Brown, and interest,	257 00
“ D. P. Morton, “ “	202 54
Richardson, Hill & Co.,	5,500 00
Anthony Allair, Jr., license,	100 00
Received from State for Paupers,	35 47
Corporation tax,	134 75
Bank tax,	1,838 96

State aid,	288 00
Massachusetts school fund,	197 75
H. S. Gere, dog fund, 1876,	70 81
Town of Whately, for scholars,	10 00
Town of Northampton, for pauper,	10 00
Rent of town hall,	13 00
Interest on taxes, received from E. A. Bardwell,	130 38
Assessment of taxes for 1876,	7,937 26
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	\$20,909 97

EXPENDITURES.

Selectmens' orders,	\$6,239 98
State Tax,	1,278 00
County Tax,	1,000 00
Discount on Taxes,	215 57
Note, Hampshire Savings Bank,	5,250 00
Interest on Notes,	554 77
State Treas., liquor license fees,	25 00
Assessors order of abatement,	29 50
Town's order of abatement to E. F. Billings,	28 00
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	\$14,620 82
Balance in hands of Treasurer and Collector,	6,289 15
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	\$20,909 97

JOSEPH BILLINGS, } *Selectmen*
A. E. STRONG, } *of*
HENRY G. MOORE, } *Hatfield.*

E. A. BARDWELL, *Treasurer.*

HATFIELD, March 12, 1877.

APPROPRIATIONS, 1877.

Schools,	\$2,000 00
Highways and Bridges,,	1,400 00
Poor,	1,200 00
Contingent Expenses,	1,000 00
School House, West Farms,	261 43
Public Library,	250 00
Town Aid,	70 00
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	\$6,181 43

LIST OF JURORS REPORTED BY THE SELECTMEN.

Dan'l A. Vining,
 Edwin W. Field,
 Dan'l W. Wells,
 W. D. Billings,
 F. D. Billings,
 Rufus Cowles,
 Wm. H. Dickinson,
 Samuel P. Billings,
 Roswell Hubbard,
 R. H. Belden,
 Chas. Wilkie,

P. L. Strong,
 J. E. Wight,
 Moses E. Warner,
 Chas. L. Warner,
 Alvin L. Strong,
 Luther Wells,
 Geo. C. Marsh,
 James O. Waite,
 James Porter,
 Albert Webber,
 Caleb D. Bardwell.

ARTICLES IN THE WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING,
MARCH 19TH, 1877.

ARTICLE 1ST. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2ND. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing, including one person for member of the School Committee for three years.

ART. 3RD. To choose an Elector under the will of the late Oliver Smith, Esq.

ART. 4TH. To revise and accept the list of Jurors as submitted by the Selectmen.

ART. 5TH. To hear the reports of the Selectmen and School Committee, and act thereon.

ART. 6TH. To receive and pass on town accounts.

ART. 7TH. To take action in relation to raising money to defray the necessary expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

ART. 8TH. To see what method the town will adopt for the maintainance and repairs of Highways and Bridges the ensuing year.

ART. 9TH. To see if the town will make an appropriation for the Public Library, the ensuing year, and choose a Committee for the same.

ART. 10TH. To see what action the town will take in relation to the prompt payment of taxes the ensuing year.

ART. 11TH. To see if the town will raise money to pay the outstanding debts of the town.

ART. 12TH. To see if the town will abate certain taxes committed to E. A. Bardwell for collection.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

For the Year Ending March, 1877.

The closing of another year suggests to your Committee the duty of submitting their annual report. As a town, we have cause for congratulation with the general progress of school work. If we should deal with particular cases, it would be easy to indicate faults, and opportunities for improvement. We have not yet reached the ideal of excellence; and, while this is conceded, we claim proficiency in many particulars, both on the part of teacher and pupil.

It is not proposed to single out instances of failure or success, for public attention, either on the part of teacher, scholar or school. For it is obvious that, without an understanding of the connecting circumstances, there might be unjust impressions formed that would produce injury rather than good. We prefer, to view results attained in their general aspects, with suggestions as they occur.

There is no danger that as citizens we shall place too high an estimate upon our common school system of education. To it, largely, we owe our position as a State and Nation, and our hope for the future is in the free and thorough diffusion of knowledge among the masses to which it aims. It should be admitted that their support is a large item of expense to every town. The amount appropriated in the State for the year ending April, 1875, was nearly \$4,500,000, equal to a trifle less than \$15 for each child between the ages of five and fifteen years. (The percentage in our own town, however, was less than \$7). But the

cost of ignorance would be much greater. Even now the expenses of our penal and reformatory institutions in Massachusetts, with the criminal courts, approximate to this amount. And when we remember that eighty per cent. of the crime in New England is committed by the seven per cent. who cannot read, it is clear that a failure to provide facilities for the education of the young would be even more expensive. But the education afforded by the public school has a higher purpose even than the restraint upon the criminal and vicious. It aims to enlighten the mind, to cultivate its powers, and to equip with the intelligence necessary for the successful prosecution of business and for the higher functions of citizenship.

In these times of financial distress, when taxes are burdensome, there is a general desire to reduce expenses, both public and private. Town and city expenditures are closely scanned, that they may be diminished to the lowest point possible. Unquestionably, a fair reduction in all departments is necessary. And if, in relation to schools, such a course does not subvert their best interests, it is wise and just. But there is a point beyond which it is not judicious to go, even under the guise of economy. We can ill afford, at this day, to cripple those interests calculated to implant in the heart a common sense of humanity, self-respect, and the discipline of self-government.

The course of study in the public schools is mainly preparatory; the foundation work, and hence of the first importance. But with the eagerness to reach something higher, the tendency is to neglect those branches that will give character and effect to all future attainments. Reading and spelling do not occupy the place they ought in public education. To be proficient in either, is an accomplishment that few possess. Pupils are apt to consider reading in the light of recreation, and if they have ascended from the Primer to the Sixth Reader, and been able to pronounce the words correctly, they consider their work accomplished. Elocution, in its strictest sense, should not necessarily be sought, but rather the ability to grasp the meaning of the author, appropriate his ideas, and utter them with a clear, easy, and natural expression. Teachers seldom succeed in this branch of their work, when they fail to give reading its proper place as a study, and demand of each one under their charge as careful preparation in this as in any pursued.

Writing and spelling have a practical value, and are essential elements in the preparatory work. Proficiency in them can only be achieved by patient, well directed effort. Indeed, in the grouping of these three are found the foundation principles of all future acquirements. We have urged their importance in the schools, and it is our pleasure to state that, in some instances, teachers have taken the position with regard to them that they demand, and yet, improvement is in order.

The need of correct and efficient instruction in the elementary schools cannot be sufficiently emphasised. "As the twig is bent the tree is inclined," is a maxim as true here as elsewhere. If we would have the tree symmetrical in its maturity it must be carefully pruned and nurtured in its early growth ; and if we seek for our children the possession of a well-developed mind and character, we should be satisfied with nothing less than a careful and judicious training in childhood, both at home and in school. The opinion is often entertained that teachers of ordinary acquirements can direct the education of the child, and even that those entering the teacher's profession are sufficiently skilled for the work ; but these are pernicious ideas. If we must have instructors of this class, let them be placed over those more mature, where there is at least a chance that their thoughtlessness and inefficiency may be counteracted, and not be impressed indelibly on the minds of little children. To control and interest the child, is a great conquest. To employ, profitably, the activities, both mental and physical, that otherwise would be wasted in mischief, requires tact ; and to supply, as in many instances is often necessary, the deficiencies of home instruction, requires patient toil.

Teachers need your sympathy and co-operation. Show them, parents, by your frequent presence in the schools, that you are interested in their success, and it will not only tend to redouble their energy, but you will receive from so doing, a practical knowledge of the methods employed, and thus be able to judge by your own observation of the results attained. Criticisms would not be so often unreasonable if they were based on personal acquaintance with the facts. The best endeavors of a teacher may be entirely neutralized, and failure in her work ensue, simply by accepting for truth heresay reports, that may be the production of some one's imagination, and possibly exist only

there. Parents are not always aware of the assistance they can render in making our schools more successful. Nor do they realize the injury they may produce by thoughtless interference with teachers in school government. To be left undisciplined is a calamity to any school, and a serious injury to any child. It cannot be expected that any teacher will successfully govern and instruct those whose parents are indifferent in regard to their attendance and conduct. The interests of the school, family and individual are one; and the parent, who by any means encourages his children in insubordination, is contributing to their ruin, and surely laying up sorrow for himself, besides lending that influence, which works like leaven in destroying the successful operation of the school.

We have reason for honest pride in the possession of such ample facilities for home education. The school buildings are in the main, pleasant, commodious, and conveniently situated, so as to be accessible to all. Additions have been made to the apparatus from year to year, as available funds would allow, and there is still room for more. The necessity yet remains for a careful and wise supervision, and a selection of teachers who have a love for their work; and something more, an ability to develop the faculties of pupils under their charge. The choice of teachers is not always an easy task. Your committee have aimed to lay aside all personal preferences and prejudices in the discharge of this duty, and yet, we agree that we have sometimes erred. The test of superior education or scholarship is not always safe, neither are the recommendations of others always reliable. The only safe means of discrimination is by trial.

There is a noticeable ambition on the part of most scholars to finish the elementary branches of the Public Schools as early as possible, with a view of entering the Academy. So far as this tends to inspire zeal and arouse a determination to thoroughly master their work, it is commendable. But if, on the other hand, it tends to a superficial knowledge of the rudiments of education, it is pernicious, and should be corrected. Crowding children will never be successful, and the study of the higher branches will hardly supply the necessity for a complete mastery of the fundamental principles of education. If these are conquered, the facilities afforded by the Academy for a higher edu-

cation will more certainly accomplish the desired object. We record with pleasure our appreciation of the results already attained in this institution, and, with its present thorough and skillful management, it is destined to fulfill our most sanguine expectations as an auxilliary to our Public Schools in furnishing that discipline of mind, practical knowledge, and social and moral development necessary for the proper discharge of the responsibilities of life.

Your Committee have, in the discharge of their duties during the year now closed, endeavored to confine themselves in their expenditures to the sum appropriated for their use, and a perusal of the financial statement accompanying this report will give you the needed information upon this point.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following named scholars attended school the entire year without an absent or tardy mark :

Abbie L. Fitch,	Maggie Benway,
Mary E. Nolan,	Gertrude A. Strong,
Sadie Porter,	John Steinglin,
Johnnie Sheehan,	Harry J. Wight,
Sadie Kingsley,	H. Wiley Field,
Ella Jubinville.	

No. of children between the ages of 5 and 15,	313
No. reported last year,	311
No. of teachers employed,	12
No. of children who have attended school,	314
Average number attending each term,	254
Average attendance,	205
No. of children over 15,	14
No. of children under 5,	5

NAMES OF TEACHERS AND WAGES PAID PER MONTH, INCLUDING BOARD.

Hill Grammar, L. Hope Alvord, summer,	\$32 00	
“ “ Eunice J. Morton, fall,	32 00	
“ “ Emma E. Porter, winter,	30 00	273 50
Hill Primary, Jane M. Cowles,	30 00	262 50
Center Grammar, Clara Streeter, summer,	34 00	
“ “ Maria L. Tuttle, fall and winter.	66 50	292 50
Center Primary, Mary C. Billings,	30 00	262 50
North Hatfield, Cora H. Eaton,	28 00	227 50
West Brook, A. L. Bartlett, summer and fall,	28 00	
“ Lillian Smith, winter,	28 00	245 00
W. Hatfield, F. J. Pomeroy, summer and fall,	28 00	
“ M. E. Parsons, winter,	30 00	251 5

Amount of appropriation for schools,	\$2,000 00
“ Received from State School Fund,	197 75
“ “ From Dog Fund, 1875,	86 70
“ “ From School Committee of Whately, for tuition,	5 00
Amount received from Rufus Swift, for tuition,	5 00
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	\$2,294 45

Amount expended for teachers and board,	\$1815 00
“ “ “ Wood and coal,	211 67
“ “ “ Care of school houses,	62 00
“ “ “ Mdse. and apparatus for schools,	46 42
“ “ “ Unpaid bills, 1875-6,	119 00
Balance unexpended,	40 36
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	\$2,294 45

G. A. BILLINGS,	} <i>School Committee of the Town of Hatfield.</i>
OSCAR BELDEN,	
ALVIN STRONG,	

HATFIELD, March, 1877.

SCHOOLS.	Length of School in Weeks.			Whole No. Scholars in each School.			Average attendance in each School.			No. of Children under five years of age.			No. of Children over 15 years of age.		
	Summer.	Fall.	Winter.	Summer.	Fall.	Winter.	Summer.	Fall.	Winter.	Summer.	Fall.	Winter.	Summer.	Fall.	Winter.
Hill Grammar..	12	10	13	28	23	24	19 $\frac{1}{4}$	17 $\frac{7}{10}$	20 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hill Primary...	12	10	13	45	45	35	34 $\frac{1}{6}$	38 $\frac{4}{5}$	28 $\frac{3}{3}$	2	0	0	0	0	0
Center Grammar	12	10	13	36	29	33	31	22 $\frac{5}{7}$	28 $\frac{5}{8}$	0	0	0	1	1	4
Center Primary.	12	10	13	58	52	45	47 $\frac{3}{10}$	46 $\frac{1}{10}$	37 $\frac{4}{63}$	1	1	1	0	0	0
North Hatfield.	12	10	13	26	25	21	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	21 $\frac{1}{25}$	18 $\frac{1}{4}$	1	0	0	0	0	0
West Brook....	12	10	13	34	37	39	24	27 $\frac{4}{5}$	28	0	1	0	0	1	6
West Hatfield..	12	10	13	34	43	50	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	43 $\frac{1}{3}$	0	0	0	0	0	4

REPORTS

OF

THE SELECTMEN

AND

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF HATFIELD,

For the Year Ending March 1, 1878.

HATFIELD, MASS.:

POWER PRESS OF ECONOMICAL PRINTING CO.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The appropriations made by the town for the year, ending March 1, 1878, amount in the aggregate to \$7,843.09. The State Tax was \$1,065.00, and the County Tax, \$1,810.74.

The Selectmen and Treasurer were instructed to refund the town debt, where the rate of interest exceeded 6 per cent. We have paid one note in the Hampshire County Savings Bank of \$1,300.00, and one note in the Northampton Institution for Savings of \$1,975. We have made a loan of John Pickering & Mosely of \$2,000 for one year; rate of interest, $4\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. We have also made the first payment of \$1,000 to Richardson, Hill & Co.; the second payment of \$2,000 on Richardson, Hill & Co.'s note comes due April 29, 1878; and the \$2,000 note held by John Pickering & Mosely, comes due in June, 1878.

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Fourteen hundred dollars (\$1400) was appropriated for this service.

We have expended for Highways and Bridges \$1,225.22. We found two of the bridges on the Swamp road in bad condition, and we were obliged to relay the walls on both, at an expense of about \$125. We thought best to lay the walls in cement, thinking it would be economy for the town. We have also built a foot walk near the Hill Bridge, expense \$70.

The wall on one of the dry bridges on the old Depot road has gone down, and it will be necessary to relay it; and one bridge near David Powers' will have to be rebuilt.

POOR.

We have expended for Poor \$874.50. Rolly Wells came to us the 25th of July, and we have boarded him ever since at an expense of \$2.50 per week. David D. Gardner applied to us for help, Jan. 31, 1878, in very feeble condition, and has been under medical treatment ever since. Mrs. Sarah Williams came to us for help, Dec. 3d, 1877, and we have provided for her, and have charged same to the State, as we find that she is a State pauper. Geo. Hathaway was sent to the State Reform School the first of April last, and we have paid \$1. per week for his support. Our tramp bill has not been as large as some years, being but \$53.85; and of this sum, \$19.00 was paid in the month of March, 1877.

We have settled with Mr. J. E. Doane in full, for all taxes placed in his hands for collection, for the year 1877. He has performed the duties of Collector with such promptness and ability, that we consider it worthy of note; it being something so very unusual, for a Collector to settle in full, before the annual town meeting. Our Treasurer, Mr. Roswell Billings, has also performed his duties with ability and promptness.

The amount of uncollected taxes for the year 1875 and 1876, placed in our hands for collection, was \$1,541.33 and interest; the amount collected on the face of the taxes was \$1,339.33; interest on same, \$84.13, being a loss of \$202.

The indebtedness of the town has been reduced \$2,275, leaving the present liabilities: outstanding bills to about \$600, and notes amounting to \$6,500; total, \$7,100. To offset this, we find in the hands of the Treasurer, cash, \$1,705.73, and balance due on E. F. Billing's note of \$52.02, leaving a balance of \$5,342.25 as the indebtedness of the town.

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Old Bills.

L. S. Crafts, care watering tank,	\$ 5 00
A. E. Strong, services Selectmen,	71 00
H. G. Moore, " "	38 00
Joseph Billings, " "	125 00
Horace Shumway, wood, coal, &c.,	22 70
Support of F. F. Abbott,	31 90
" A. M. Richmond,	39 74
A. L. Strong, services School Committee,	23 00
Town of Hadley, aid Peter Pecor,	4 67
C. M. Barton, M. D., medical services Poor,	33 33
Peter Carter, tramps 1876,	2 50
Metcalf & Co., printing, 1874, 1875 and 1876,	23 10
Gazette Printing Co., Town reports,	30 00
Wm. Dougherty, repairs on school houses,	3 25
L. B. White, repairs Town Hall,	8 99
C. H. Jones, " " " "	3 07
Bond Bros. & Bottum, legal services Draper case,	26 77
Bridgman & Childs, books for Library,	66 53
Sundry Highway Bills,	89 74
Geo. A. Billings, services School Committee,	15 00
Fred. Vedemyer, " as janitor,	1 75
E. F. Billings, " as Constable,	10 00

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Paid for Paupers.

Support of F. F. Abbott,	\$160 52
A. M. Richmond,	163 85
Joseph Martin,	20 00
Barney McHugh and Tom Buckley,	76 00
Mrs. A. Taylor,	27 00
Joseph Proulx,	9 22
Anthony Gilbert,	16 95
Paul LaMountain,	4 50
Mrs. Lewis Beaugor,	14 75
Christian Schröder,	45 26
David D. Gardner,	1 10
James Shea,	30 00
Mrs. Michael Tobin,	9 30
George Hathaway,	38 00
Rolly Wells,	89 64
Marshall Wheeler,	5 24
Buckley children,	9 00
Peter Pecor,	2 00
Joseph Proulx,	4 25
Barney McHugh,	10 00
F. A. Sackett, coffins for Marshall and Harriet Wheeler,	20 00
William S. Briggs, tramps,	34 80
N. P. Gould, “	5 60
H. S. Hubbard, “	65
H. G. Moore, “	80
A. M. Peck, services as Sexton,	8 00
C. M. Barton, M. D., medical services poor,	6 67
H. S. Hubbard, cash paid,	3 00
William Richtmyer, board Mrs. Sarah Williams,	14 00
C. M. Barton, M. D., medical services D. D. Gardner,	20 00
“ “ “ Marshall Wheeler,	9 00
A. E. Strong, order,	2 00
N. P. Gould, tramps,	13 40
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\$874 50	

Highway Bills.

HILL DISTRICT—MOSES W. KINGSLEY, Surveyor.

Henry A. Wade,	labor,	\$ 2 31
Hosea Wheeler, Jr.	"	2 18
James W. Warner,	"	13 44
E. S. Warner,	"	8 37
"	earth,	17 35
Charles Kingsley,	labor,	4 69
Moses W. Kingsley,	"	34 85
J. D. Porter,	"	6 88
George W. Warner,	"	2 50
H. S. Hubbard,	"	21 81
C. L. Graves,	"	3 29
M. N. Hubbard,	"	8 75
John Gendron,	"	1 25
Horace Shumway,	"	7 50
John A. Warner,	"	2 19
James Porter,	"	8 75
Moses W. Kingsley,	"	29 16
John Ryan, Sr.,	"	1 25
L. G. Curtis,	"	1 00
Michael Larkin,	"	2 50
Charles Wilkie,	"	4 72
Wm. M. Jones,	"	3 75
Patrick Mullanny,	"	3 75
Henry S. Porter,	"	6 88
Thaddeus Graves,	"	3 76
"	earth,	8 60
George C. Fitch,	labor,	1 88
"	load old brick,	10
Anthony Allair, Jr.,	60 loads clay,	6 00
Moses E. Warner,	earth,	40
"	labor,	6 75
John T. Fitch,	"	3 75
J. S. Graves,	"	10 00
Joseph Martin,	"	1 25
A. Gilbert,	"	2 50
Nelson Allair,	"	1 00

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DISTRICT NO. 2—EDWIN BRAINARD, Surveyor.

John Kiley,	labor,	1 25
D. W. Wells,	"	4 75
Edwin Brainard,	services as Surveyor,	32 30
"	" labor,	11 80
Lawrence Vollinger,	"	2 37
A. Gilbert,	"	7 82
Henry Stingline,	"	2 00
Elisha Hubbard,	"	10 50
Fred. H. Bardwell,	"	14 25
J. D. Billings,	"	12 00
Michael Day,	"	1 25
Frank Steele,	"	63
Nicholas Powers,	"	3 38
Michael Boyle,	"	1 38
Anthony Allair, Jr.	clay,	11 00
Sam'l H. Dickinson,	labor,	1 25
James Nolan,	"	63
Luman Moore,	"	5 53
S. G. Hubbard,	"	19 00
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DISTRICT NO. 3—FRED. CARL, Surveyor.

F. W. Prince,	labor,	3 50
A. M. Peck,	"	4 12
James Breeor,	"	7 17
Fred. Carl,	services as Surveyor,	22 00
"	labor,	34 41
James Ryan,	"	1 25
Edward Proulx,	"	6 00
"	stone,	5 00
Wm. Langdon,	labor,	3 50
John McHugh,	"	3 06
Wm. H. Dickinson & Son,	labor,	10 50
John Burke,	labor,	1 25
John B. Ryan,	"	1 25

John Karrin,	labor,	1 25
George W. Smith,	"	58
John O'Neil,	"	1 25
L. S. Bliss,	"	5 03
O. Marsh & Son,	"	7 18
John D. Brown,	"	3 00
Wm. P. Allis,	"	7 75
Wm. Boyle,	"	62
E. C. Waite,	"	30
"	lumber,	1 98
Elijah Bardwell,	earth,	10 00
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		\$141 95

NORTH HATFIELD DISTRICT—WM. H. BELDEN, Surveyor.

H. G. Moore,	labor,	12 03
C. B. Marsh & Son,	"	11 47
Wm. H. Belden,	earth,	5 00
"	services as Surveyor,	17 85
R. & W. H. Belden,	labor,	16 98
Leander Cooley,	"	4 75
Edwin W. Field,	"	8 26
O. S. Graves,	"	3 44
Henry H. Field,	"	2 75
E. Marsh,	"	1 75
John Field,	"	50
Frank Mosher,	"	3 96
Dennis Cooley,	"	3 50
A. S. Jones & Sons,	"	9 07
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		\$101 31

WEST BROOK DISTRICT—HENRY R. GRAVES, Surveyor.

C. B. Dickinson,	labor,	8 80
Edward C. Waite,	"	2 97
Henry R. Graves,	services as Surveyor,	16 76
Philip Jubinville,	labor,	1 22
L. S. Crafts,	"	2 84

Luther Wells,	labor,	9 00
David Fitzgerald,	"	1 41
Sylvanus Crafts,	"	55
Michael Tobin,	"	30
Chester W. White,	"	2 46
Mrs. Elizabeth Mosher,	"	99
Michael Clancy,	"	1 62
E. A. Martin,	"	62

\$49 54

WEST HATFIELD DISTRICT—JACOB CARL, Surveyor.

J. A. Cutter,	labor,	75
John Kiley,	"	1 50
Frank Steele,	"	1 50
Philip Carl,	"	30 37
P. L. Strong & Sons,	"	8 25
Wm. Miller,	"	1 68
M. P. Bradford,	"	11 75
Adam Doppmann,	"	1 87
Jacob Carl, services as Surveyor,		20 00
"	labor,	41 25
Henry Dwight & Son,	"	2 50
Lawrence Vollinger,	"	2 50
John Batzold,	"	1 87
Patrick Dailey,	"	1 25
N. T. Abells,	"	7 00
Nicholas Powers,	"	1 25
Edmund Powers,	"	4 75
John Ryan,	"	4 75
George Vollinger,	"	1 25
John Dandlin,	"	63
Joseph Klistner,	"	94
Joseph Stotter,	"	1 25
A. E. Strong,	"	2 50
Charles Wensel,	"	1 25

\$152 61

Bridges, Railings, &c.

Edwin Bardwell, for laying stone,	\$20 00
David Curtis, labor,	2 50
C. R. Dorsey, cement,	19 00
Jacob Carl, labor,	31 55
“ board E. Bardwell,	6 50
H. S. Hubbard, lumber,	50 43
E. C. Waite, “	53 14
Philip Carl, labor,	14 00
Peter Saffer, “	12 50
M. P. Bradford, “	16 00
S. W. Kingsley, “	5 00
Lawrence Vollinger, “	1 25
Leander Cooley, posts and railings,	15 68
George W. Warner, labor at foot-walk,	10 00
M. E. Warner, lumber for foot-walk,	37 40
“ labor,	8 75
“ drawing tile and stone,	2 50
James Porter, plank for foot-walk,	7 50
O. S. Graves, lumber,	6 25
Philip Jubinville, iron for bridges,	4 60
L. S. Crafts, labor,	10 03
E. M. Graves, nails,	4 00
Hartwell & Prindle, cement pipe,	21 50
John Ryan, land damage,	3 00
Leander Cooley, labor,	4 80
John Dandlin, “	62
E. A. Martin, nails,	62
S. G. Hubbard, earth,	2 00
J. S. Wells, nails,	79
H. G. Moore, lumber,	11 90
“ labor,	8 00

 \$389 81

Public Library.

Bridgman & Childs, books,	\$7 00
Wm. P. Allis, wood and sawing,	6 00
J. S. Wells, oil,	53
J. B. Smith, “	10
L. H. Kingsley, printing,	1 00
E. F. Billings, services as Librarian,	25 00
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	\$39 63

Paid State Aid.

Mrs. Ruth Dennis,	\$48 00
“ Minerva Anderson,	48 00
“ Clarissa Vining,	48 00
“ U. B. Graves,	48 00
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	\$192 00

Paid Town Aid.

Mrs. U. B. Graves,	\$35 00
“ Clarissa Vining,	35 00
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	\$70 00

Paid for Schools.

Miss Myra E. Parsons, teaching, Pantry,	\$161 00
“ Irene Lyman, “ “	91 00
“ Mary C. Billings, “ Center,	240 50
“ Maria L. Tuttle, “ “	84 00
“ J. R. Whitman, “ “	77 00
“ Jennie Stearns, “ “	98 00
“ Fannie Woodard, “ Hill,	247 50
“ Carrie L. Warner, “ “	162 50
Mrs. Jane Cowles, “ “	78 00
Miss Alice S. Bartlett, “ North Hatfield,	234 50
“ Cora H. Eaton “ West Brook,	246 50
E. C. Waite, wood and sawing, “	56 25
“ “ North Hatfield,	21 00

James Cronan, sawing wood, West Brook,	2 25
David Powers, " " North Hatfield,	3 00
A. L. Strong, coal, Hill and Center,	55 77
" " Center,	11 62
Charles Parsons, " "	16 86
Oscar Belden, " North Hatfield,	8 00
C. E. Hubbard, wood, Hill,	5 50
H. S. Porter, " "	5 65
H. S. Hubbard, " "	4 50
George W. Fitch, " "	4 00
C. Schröder, sawing wood, Hill,	3 60
Joseph Martin, " " "	1 25
A. L. Strong, wood, Pantry,	17 50
" " Center,	10 50
Peter Schröder, janitor, Hill,	8 68
Freddie Cutter, " Pantry,	5 50
Eddie Porter, " Center,	7 75
Willie Newman, " "	7 00
John McHugh, " "	1 00
Fred. Vedemyer, " West Brook,	4 50
Lemuel C. Bartlett, " North Hatfield,	3 50
Eddie H. Belden, " and sawing wood,	4 50
Tainton Bros., Merrill & Co., exchanging books,	78 93
Oscar Belden, Express paid on books,	4 00
" for making exchange of Reading books,	5 00
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	\$2078 11

Miscellaneous Expenses.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Eurotas Morton, Assessor,	\$47 50
Charles L. Warner, " "	55 00
Wm. D. Billings, " "	60 00
" Clerk,	25 00

Charles L. Graves,	School Committee,	22 55
Oscar Belden,	“ “	30 35
Alvin L. Strong,	“ “	28 75
John E. Doane,	Collector,	80 00
“	Constable,	5 50
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		\$354 65

SETTLEMENT WITH E. A. BARDWELL, TREASURER.

Joseph Billings,	\$11 00
S. P. Billings,	33 00
L. G. Curtis,	15 00
Bond Bros. & Bottum, legal counsel,	9 00
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\$68 00	

Incidental Expenses.

Fred. Packard, repairing slate roof, W. B. school house,	\$16 00
A. L. Strong, “ school houses,	20 86
C. L. Graves, “ “ “	10 40
L. S. Crafts, labor, “ “	5 00
S. W. Kingsley, “ “ “ “	5 40
N. P. Gould, “ “ “ “	7 50
J. B. Smith, books for schools,	4 03
J. S. Wells, “ “	7 57
Wm. Dougherty, repairs school house,	3 00
A. L. Strong, books and crayons,	2 64
Bond Bros. & Bottum, advice on pauper,	2 00
“ “ legal service, Draper case,	109 50
A. M. Peck, recording deaths,	3 50
“ work at cemetery,	13 00
A. H. Marsh, “ “	5 00
Wm. D. Billings, recording deaths, births and marriages,	27 00
Horace Shumway, expressage,	3 00
H. B. Pierce, register of voters,	80
Gazette Printing Co., Selectmen's order book,	2 75
“ “ Tax bills,	6 00
L. H. Kingsley, printing dog notices,	2 25

Henry S. Gere, advertising,	4 50
L. S. Crafts, care water tank,	5 00
H. S. Hubbard, $\frac{1}{4}$ thousand shingles and nails,	1 50
J. S. Wells, oil for Town Hall,	75
J. B. Smith, oil and nails for Town Hall,	44
Expenses at fires,	11 25
Wm. Barnes, labor,	50
J. S. Wells, ink and pens,	16
“ Collector of old Taxes,	25 00
“ postage and stationery,	1 50
“ legal advice on taxes,	2 00
“ storage and keeper on drill,	2 00
H. S. Hubbard, cash paid for lock,	35
Bridgman & Childs, record book for Town Clerk,	9 80
Eames & Sprague, balance on account,	7 36
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	\$329 31

Interest Paid.

Hampshire County Savings Bank,	\$56 88
Northampton Institution for Savings,	32 25
John Pickering & Mosely,	62 71
Richardson, Hill & Co.,	275 00
Discount on Taxes,	280 24
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	\$707 08

Insurance.

Oliver Walker,	\$90 00
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Bills Payable.

Treas. Note, Richardson, Hill & Co.,	\$4500 00
“ “ John Pickering & Mosely,	2000 00
Outstanding Bills,	600 00
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	\$7100 00

RECAPITULATION.

Receipts, 1877.

Received from S. P. Billings, L. G. Curtis and Joseph Billings, from settlement with E. A. Bardwell, Collector and Treasurer,	\$4302 89
John Pickering & Mosely,	3200 00
Fred. Wilbor, Guardian for George Hathaway.	13 00
Oscar Belden, damages on school houses.	1 00
J. S. Wells, on old Taxes,	1339 33
“ interest “ “	84 13
Bank Tax,	1672 75
Corporation Tax,	121 25
Massachusetts School fund,	185 67
State Aid,	192 00
Interest on taxes, from J. E. Doane,	32 83
Assessment of taxes for 1877,	7843 09
E. F. Billings, paid on note,	75 00
W. L. Smith, dog fund, 1877,	58 18
	\$19,121 12

Expenditures, 1877

Selectmen's orders.	\$5998 51
State Tax,	1065 00
County Tax,	1810 74
Discount on Taxes,	280 24
Note Hampshire County Savings Bank,	1300 00
“ Northampton Institution for Savings,	1975 00
Interest on Notes,	89 13
Assessor's orders of abatement,	67 87

Richardson, Hill & Co.'s Note,	1000 00
“ “ interest on Note,	275 00
John Pickering & Mosely's Note,	1200 00
“ “ interest on Note,	62 71
Selectmen's orders, 1876,	1340 20
County Tax and interest for 1876,	950 99
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	\$17,415 39
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	1,705 73
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	\$19,121 12

H. S. HUBBARD, } *Selectmen*
 H. G. MOORE, } *of*
 M. E. WARNER, } *Hatfield.*

ROSWELL BILLINGS, TREASURER.

HATFIELD, March 6, 1878.

Appropriations, 1877.

Schools,	\$1,800 00
Highways and Bridges,	1,400 00
Poor,	1,000 00
Contingent Expenses,	800 00
Interest,	490 00
To pay on Town Debt,	1,000 00
Town Aid,	70 00
Public Library,	100 00
Insurance,	90 00
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	\$6,750 00

List of Jurors reported by the Selectmen.

Edward Curtis,	Samuel P. Billings,
A. S. Jones,	Wm. D. Billings,
Reuben Belden,	John E. Doane,
O. S. Graves,	Otis C. Wells,
J. Wesley Waite,	Eleazer F. Cooley,
William Richtmyer,	Rufus H. Cowles,
Joseph Billings,	Charles Wilkie,
Fred. Carl,	Alvin L. Strong,
Seth W. Kingsley,	Silas S. Dwight,
M. N. Hubbard,	M. P. Bradford,
Roswell Billings,	Nelson Allair,

Articles in the Warrant for Town Meeting,

MARCH 18, 1878.

ARTICLE 1ST. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2ND. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing, including one person for member of the School Committee for three years.

ART. 3RD. To choose an Elector under the will of the late Oliver Smith, Esq.

ART. 4TH. To revise and accept the list of Jurors as submitted by the Selectmen.

ART. 5TH. To hear the reports of the Selectmen and School Committee, and act thereon.

ART. 6TH. To receive and pass on town accounts.

ART. 7TH. To take action in relation to raising money to defray the necessary expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

ART. 8TH. To see what method the town will adopt for the maintainance and repairs of Highways and Bridges the ensuing year.

ART. 9TH. To see what action the town will take in relation to the prompt payment of taxes the coming year.

ART. 10TH. To see if the town will raise money to pay the outstanding debts of the town:

ART. 11TH. To see if the town will abate certain taxes committed to John E. Doane for collection.

ART. 12TH. To see if the town will authorize the making of a full and complete record of the Soldiers and Sailors who served during the late war upon the quota of the town.

ART. 13TH. To see if the town will raise money to raise the road from Pine Bridge to a point near Cow Bridge road.

ART. 14TH. To see if the town will make an appropriation for the Public Library, and choose a Committee for the same.

11. *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, 1998, 93(443), 1025-1032.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The School Committee, as a part of the duty assigned to them, respectfully present their Annual Report of the Schools in town.

In taking a general review of school matters for the year, we think as much has been accomplished as in any year previous. Teachers have all labored faithfully, and in many of the schools, have met with decidedly good success.

The number of schools supported by the town, is seven; they have been in session thirty-seven weeks, divided as follows: Spring term, twelve weeks; Fall term, eleven weeks; Winter term, fourteen weeks. Wages paid to teachers, six and one half and seven dollars per week, including board; No. of teachers employed, eleven; No. retained throughout the year, four.

The schools were supplied at the first of the winter term, with a new series of reading books, the Franklin Reader. The old reading books had been in use about ten years, and we had the feeling that a change was not only desirable, but absolutely necessary for their highest interest.

The Franklin Reader comes highly recommended, and has been introduced in quite a number of surrounding towns. Here we would like to call attention to the pains taken by some of our teachers with the reading, the results of which are praise worthy, indeed; and if we were to offer a suggestion to help along the good work, it would be, not to permit a scholar in reading to pass over a large number of important words, without having his or her attention called to the meaning of them,—a mistake that is often noticed.

A spirit of insubordination has been manifested by some of the older scholars in the winter schools. The Committee have advised the teachers after trying different methods of discipline, to expel such scholars, which has been done in two or three instances, with the provision they could return on condition of good behavior. These measures have had a good effect, and restored peace and prosperity in a good degree. The success of a school is often destroyed by the bad influence of one or two unruly members, and if they cannot be brought under subjection, the good of the school demands their expulsion.

Most of our schools labor under the great disadvantage of not being well classified. There are so many recitations, that the teacher can not do justice to any of them; ten or twelve minutes to hurry through a lesson, amounts to little more than an apology. There are several reasons for this condition of things: a large number of scholars attend only the winter term of school; Many are more or less absent every term when they can obtain work, and many children receive help and encouragement from their parents, and are enabled to progress faster than their classes, and dissatisfaction is often expressed if they are not permitted to. Valid as these reasons appear to be, it is desirable that something should be done, some sort of system prescribed and adhered to in the making up of classes.

In looking over the register, we see quite an improvement in the punctuality of the scholars, especially in the school at North Hatfield, where only two scholars have been tardy the entire year, and it is hoped that a like effort may be made, and with as good results in every school in town.

In the exchange of Reading Books, the introduction price of the new books was from sixteen to eighty cts. apiece, according to the size of the book, and for corresponding old books, we received from six to thirty cts. Whole cost of the exchange, \$87.93.

No. of children between the ages of 5 and 15,	301
No. reported last year.	313
Average No. of scholars in all the schools for the year,	275
No. of scholars over 15 years of age,	17
No. of scholars under 5 years of age,	10
No. of scholars in the winter schools,	278
No. of American scholars in the winter schools,	67
No. of Foreign scholars in the “ “	208
No. of Colored scholars in the “ “	3

**Names of Teachers and wages paid per
month, including board.**

Hill Grammar, Fanny Woodard, spring and fall,	\$26 00
“ “ “ winter,	28 00
Hill Primary, Jane M. Cowles, spring,	26 00
Hill Primary, Carrie L. Warner, fall and winter,	26 00
Center Grammar, Maria L. Tuttle, spring,	28 00
Center Grammar, J. R. Whitman, fall,	28 00
Center Grammar, Jennie M. Stearns, winter,	28 00
Center Primary, Mary C. Billings, spring, fall and win.,	26 00
North Hatfield, Alice L. Bartlett, spring,	24 00
“ “ “ fall and winter,	26 00
West Brook, Cora H. Eaton, spring,	28 00
“ “ “ fall and winter,	26 00
West Hatfield, Myra E. Parsons, spring and fall,	28 00
“ “ Irene L. Lyman, winter,	26 00
Average cost per week, including board,	6 67
“ “ “ “ for the year 1873,	8 66
Amount expended for teachers and board,	1720 50
“ “ for wood and coal,	231 25
“ “ for care of school houses,	38 43
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	\$1990 18
Amount appropriated by the town,	\$1800 00
“ received from the State school fund,	185 67
“ “ “ dog fund, 1876,	70 81
“ unexpended last year,	40 36
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	\$2096 84
Amount of school money expended,	\$1990 18
“ “ “ unexpended,	106 66
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	\$2096 84

OSCAR BELDEN,	} <i>School Committee of the Town of Hatfield</i>
ALVIN L. STRONG,	
CHARLES L. GRAVES,	

SCHOOLS.	Length of School in Weeks.		Whole Number of Scholars in each School.		Average attendance in each School.		No. of Children under 5 years of age.		No. of Children over 15 years of age.			
	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	Sum.	Fall.	Win.
Hill Grammar . .	12	11	14	24	24	33	18½	21	0	0	0	0
Hill Primary . . .	12	11	14	50	53	51	37½	41½	3.	2	1	0
Center Grammar	12	11	14	40	34	39	30	26⅓	0	0	0	0
Center Primary .	12	11	14	44	42	37	38¼	37⅔	0	0	0	0
North Hatfield .	12	11	14	23	24	29	21⅝	22⅔	1	0	0	0
West Brook . . .	12	11	14	22	38	46	18¾	34⅔	0	0	0	0
West Hatfield . .	12	11	14	38	43	43	30¼	35	2	2	0	1

REPORTS

OF

THE SELECTMEN

AND

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF HATFIELD,

For the Year Ending March 1, 1879.

HATFIELD, MASS.:

POWER PRESS OF ECONOMICAL PRINTING CO.

1879.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

We have been unable to keep within the appropriations that were given us by the town. By referring to our report, you will find that we have expended for Highways and Bridges, \$1700.73; about \$600 of this amount was expended after the December freshet. The cost of filling the wash-out near the Hill Bridge, was \$325.

For new bridges and repairing old ones, we have paid \$409.68; building two new ones on the old Depot road, and replacing the bridge across the main stream (that was washed away by the freshet,) and putting new stringers on the same. We have replanked two of the bridges on the Depot road, and otherwise repaired them. Four of the bridges on this road were washed away by the flood. We have also built one new bridge near David Powers.' Several of the bridges need further repairs this year.

POOR.

\$1000 was appropriated for the Poor. We have expended \$1323.79. Of this amount, about \$185 of it should come back to us from the State; making \$1138.79 that we have actually paid for our poor.

TOWN DEBT.

The indebtedness of the town amounts to: Richardson, Hill & Co.'s Note of \$2500, due April 29, 1879, two Notes held by John Pickering & Moseley of \$1000 and \$2000, a Demand Note of \$1000 held by the First National Bank of Northampton, Selectmen's orders unpaid, \$320.08, and outstanding bills to about \$300. Total, \$7120.08.

To offset this, we find in the hands of the Treasurer, cash, \$98.97, a balance due on E. F. Billings' Note of \$55.64, due from the State on poor account, \$185, and State aid, \$212, leaving a balance of \$6568.47 as the indebtedness of the town.

We have settled with Mr. J. E. Doane, Collector, in full, for all taxes placed in his hands for collection.

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Old Bills, 1878.

Sundry highway bills,	\$18 07
Almeron Crafts, board D. D. Gardner,	20 00
E. Seward Warner, for enforcing dog law,	6 00
Economical Printing Co., printing town reports,	30 00
Moses E. Warner, Selectman,	40 00
Roswell Billings, Treasurer,	35 00
H. S. Hubbard, Selectman and Overseer of the poor,	95 00
“ Stationery, postage and carrying mail,	3 50
“ board R. Wells.	1 50
J. E. Doane, order of abatement on taxes,	14 46
H. G. Moore, Selectman,	46 00
F. F. Abbott, board at hospital for Insane,	30 00
A. M. Richmond, “ “ “	39 65
James Cronan, sand for North Hatfield school house,	18 00
W. G. Bassett, settlement Draper case,	485 05
E. M. Graves, Mdse.,	1 00
E. F. Billings, services as Constable,	4 00
Oscar Belden, school account,	4 80
Dexter Jones, repairs on Town Hall,	1 50
A. M. Peck, work in Cemetery,	1 50
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	\$895 03

Highway Bills.

WEST HATFIELD DISTRICT.—N. T. ABELLS, Surveyor.

N. T. Abells,	labor,	123 22
“	services as Surveyor,	9 75
Philip Carl,	labor,	6 00
M. P. Bradford,	“	38 60
Wm. Miller,	“	3 00
John Kiley,	“	40
A. E. Strong,	“	2 52
Henry Dwight,	“	14 40
John H. Ryan,	“	13 90
John Vollinger,	“	7 60
Patrick Boyle,	“	3 25
John Chandler,	“	6 30
George Contzلمان,	“	5 60
Andrew Hilbert,	“	85
George Steele,	“	4 00
Frank Newman,	“	7 85
“	clay,	3 00
Wm. Carson,	labor,	6 00
Fred Carson,	“	5 00
John Smith,	“	4 70
Edmund Powers,	“	11 20
Joseph Kleasoner,	“	7 55
P. L. Strong & Sons,	“	19 50
Adam Doppman,	“	7 75
H. S. Porter,	“	12 00
George Dennis,	“	1 50
J. A. Cutter,	sand,	15 00
“	labor,	1 50
Peter Saffer,	“	15 00

\$356 94

HILL DISTRICT.—PATRICK MULLANNY, Surveyor.

Patrick Mullanny,	labor,	68 38
M. W. Kingsley,	"	2 00
J. D. Porter,	"	7 75
John Ryan,	"	1 50
L. P. Dole,	"	2 00
Michael Larkin,	"	2 00
Horace Shumway,	"	2 70
J. T. Fitch,	"	9 00
Thaddeus Graves,	"	1 50
"	earth,	2 80
Nelson Allair,	labor,	9 65
M. E. Warner,	"	4 50
C. L. Graves,	"	2 75
John Jandrow,	"	4 50
Anthony Allair, Jr.,	earth,	1 38
"	labor,	3 00
H. S. Hubbard,	"	11 40
E. S. Warner,	"	3 00
James Porter,	"	4 50
Maltby,		5 80
H. S. Porter,	labor,	5 75
Geo. C. Fitch,	"	4 75
Chas. Wilkie,	"	1 62
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		\$162 23

DISTRICT No. 2.—EDWIN BRAINERD, Surveyor.

Edwin Brainerd,	services as Surveyor,	37 82
"	labor,	12 98
Anthony Gilbert,	"	5 50
John Kiley,	"	2 75
D. W. Wells,	"	6 00
O. L. Thayer,	"	1 00
F. H. Bardwell,	"	3 00
David Billings,	"	3 00

Luman Moore,	“	5 00
John Vollinger,	“	3 10
Henry Stinglein,	“	1 00
Michael Hade,	“	1 00
Michael Dea,	“	5 00
Geo. Vollinger,	“	3 60
Israel Morton,	“	3 00
Silas Porter,	“	1 00
Moses C. Porter,	“	1 00
Robert McGrath,	“	3 70
Michael Boyle,	“	1 65
Mrs. C. Billings,	“	6 00
F. D. Billings,	“	2 23
Wm. P. Allis,	“	3 00
C. K. Morton,	“	9 00
J. S. Wells,	“	4 00
Theodore Baggs,	“	3 00
Patrick Daly,	“	1 60
Wm. D. Billings,	“	6 00
Jacob Carl,	“	3 00

\$138 93

NORTH HATFIELD DISTRICT.—A. E. HARRIS, Surveyor.

E. Harris,	labor,	4 40
C. B. Marsh & Son,	“	6 00
Oscar Belden,	“	3 75
R. & W. H. Belden,	“	12 70
George Fiffer,	“	25
Leander Cooley,	“	1 81
J. W. Field,	“	50
H. G. Moore,	“	1 50
David Powers,	“	4 35
A. S. Jones & Sons,	“	10 50
J. E. Wight,	“	3 00
A. E. Harris,	“	20 80

Eurotas Morton,	labor,	5 50
Elihu Marsh & Sons,	"	4 00
Lysander Cooley,	"	71
O. S. Graves,	"	3 50
Eleazer Cooley,	"	1 33
Frank Mosher,	"	4 00
H. W. Field,	"	1 80
H. H. Field,	"	50

\$90 90

DISTRICT No. 3.—GEO. L. MARSH, Surveyor.

Edward Proulx,	labor,	13 50
John O'Neil,	"	1 00
Geo. L. Marsh,	"	40 96
Wm. P. Allis,	"	4 00
Fred Clevy,	"	2 00
Lewis Murry,	"	2 00
Peter Rosebush,	"	2 50
John Kerren,	"	50
Frank Price,	"	1 00
James Breeor,	"	4 00
James Ryan,	"	2 45
Wm. Boyle,	"	4 00
J. D. Brown,	"	5 50
E. A. Bardwell,	"	2 00
Wm. H. Dickinson,	"	21 50
"	earth,	4 40
Michael Proulx,	labor,	2 50
L. S. Bliss,	"	5 50
A. M. Peck,	"	3 00
C. G. Waite,	earth,	11 40
John McHugh,	labor,	4 00
Fred Carl,	"	3 20
Wm. B. Langdon,	"	5 50

\$146 41

WEST BROOK DISTRICT.—C. B. DICKINSON, Surveyor.

C. B. Dickinson,	labor,	38 75
R. Mosher,	"	1 50
David Fitzgerald,	"	2 15
Conrad Wolfram,	"	7 65
E. C. Waite,	"	5 30
Chester White,	"	1 35
Wm. Richtmeyer,	"	2 50
Eleazer Cooley,	"	3 90
L. S. Crafts,	"	2 00
D. A. Vining,	"	7 15
Dwight Morton,	"	70
Morris Fitzgibbons,	"	35
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		\$73 30

Wash-Out near Hill Bridge.

E. S. Warner,	sand,	21 40
"	labor,	4 50
Newell Graves,	"	1 80
Newell Graves, Jr.,	"	2 00
Peter Balice,	"	8 10
Dick Wheeler,	"	4 05
Michael Hade,	"	2 60
Hosea Wheeler, Jr.,	"	1 35
Fred Wheeler,	"	2 50
Theodore Porter,	"	5 20
M. W. Kingsley,	"	6 00
Joseph Rosebush,	"	2 70
Frank Burbey,	"	2 70
John O'Neil,	"	2 70
John Ryan, Sr.,	"	4 00
Joseph Hibert,	"	3 80
Hosea Wheeler,	"	50
Selah Wheeler,	"	50
Thaddeus Graves,	"	8 10

Patrick Mullanny,	labor,	12 90
“	sand,	8 40
Anthony Allair, Jr.,	earth,	15 90
H. S. Hubbard,	sand,	9 18
“	labor,	14 70
M. E. Warner,	“	14 85
Geo. W. Warner,	“	3 60
David Billings,	“	5 10
Charles Kingsley,	“	4 50
John McGrath,	“	2 15
J. D. Porter,	“	13 20
J. T. Fitch,	“	12 30
James Porter,	“	8 10
M. N. Hubbard,	“	5 40
George Vollinger,	“	2 70
J. S. Graves & Son,	“	26 15
Richard Fitzgerald,	“	2 70
A. F. Curtis,	“	1 10
Lewis Rabboin,	“	1 70
Mrs. C. Billings,	“	5 40
Samuel F. Billings,	“	23 20
“	old brick,	1 50
R. H. Cowles,	labor,	7 80
Geo. C. Fitch,	“	10 80
C. K. Morton,	“	7 80
D. P. Morton,	“	6 60
Erastus Billings,	“	5 40
F. H. Bardwell,	“	2 70
N. P. Gould,	stone,	2 00
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		\$322 33

Bridges and Railings.

Rodney Smith,	lumber,	118 37
N. T. Abells,	labor,	31 75
“	railings and spikes,	10 85

John Kiley,	labor,	5 25
“	crow-bar lost,	1 00
Henry Dwight,	labor,	4 16
“	stone and railings,	1 50
Leander Cooley,	labor,	22 12
Peter Balice,	“	2 00
Peter Saffer,	“	3 60
S. W. Kingsley,	“ and bolts,	11 42
H. G. Moore,	“	7 50
“	lumber and railings,	46 00
John Vollinger,	labor,	2 50
Lawrence Vollinger,	“	4 30
Frank Newman,	“	1 20
David Powers,	“	1 50
O. E. Morton,	“	2 50
W. H. Dickinson & Son,	plank,	96
M. E. Warner,	lumber,	8 25
O. S. Graves,	labor,	2 00
H. S. Hubbard,	“	1 50
“	lumber,	102 62
E. M. Martin,	spikes,	35
E. S. Warner,	labor,	12 30
Geo. S. Burt,	nails and spikes,	1 05
Rufus Ames,	nails,	1 94
James Cronan,	labor,	1 20
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		\$409 69

Paid for Schools.

Miss Carrie E. Graves,	teaching, Hill,	108 50
Fanny Woodard,	“	19 80
Lilla H. Peck,	“	126 50
Mary L. Waite,	“	205 00
Emma E. Porter,	“	216 00
Cora H. Eaton,	“	216 00
Alice L. Bartlett,	“	205 50
Carrie L. Warner,	“	126 50

Miss Delia Bates,	teaching,	84 00
Myra Parsons,	"	78 00
Mr. A. L. Dyer,	"	84 00
Peter McHugh,	sawing wood,	2 50
Geo. Dennis,	"	3 00
Henry Vedemyer,	"	5 00
E. H. Dyer,	"	2 25
Henry Balice,	"	1 00
David Powers,	"	8 37
A. L. Strong,	"	1 50
Willie Schröder,	janitor, Hill,	1 20
Peter Schröder,	" "	6 50
Fred Cutter,	" West Hatfield,	6 00
Eddie Porter,	" Center,	20 75
George Cooley,	" North Hatfield,	55
L. E. Bartlett,	" "	4 80
Joseph Vining,	" West Brook,	2 25
Philip Jubinville,	" "	2 80
W. D. Clapp,	coal,	50 57
E. M. Martin,	"	26 30
"	wood,	17 50
E. C. Waite,	"	14 00
Crafts,	janitor, West Brook,	1 50
Geo. C. Fitch,	wood,	3 50
Charles E. Hubbard,	"	10 00
A. L. Strong,	"	22 92
C. L. Graves,	drawing coal,	2 00
Philip Carl,	"	6 77
Joseph Kleasoner,		1 00
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		\$1694 33

Public Library.

Rufus Ames,	for oil,	78
Bridgman & Childs,	books,	138 78
E. F. Billings,	services as Librarian,	25 00
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		\$164 56

State Aid.

John W. Madison,	26 00
Mrs. U. B. Graves,	48 00
Clarissa Vining,	48 00
Ruth Dennis,	48 00
Minerva Anderson,	48 00
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	\$218 00

Town Aid, 1878.

Mrs. U. B. Graves,	35 00
Clarissa Vining,	35 00
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	\$70 00

Paid for Paupers.

Support of A. M. Richmond,	169 75
F. F. Abbott,	171 33
Rolly Wells,	91 42
Pomeroy Doppman,	171 95
David D. Gardner,	100 98
Barney McHugh,	30 00
Mrs. A. Taylor,	32 00
Mrs. Jane Stone,	71 15
Joseph Proulx,	5 03
Mrs. Sarah Williams, State Pauper,	115 55
George Hathaway, Reform School,	48 00
James Shea,	39 45
Michael Ryan,	39 25
Mrs. Gertie Murry,	11 00
C. Shroeder,	23 25
Newell Graves,	24 60
Wm. S. Briggs, tramps,	8 80
H. S. Hubbard, “	50
C. Schroeder, “	20 85

Dr. C. M. Barton, medical attendance	Mrs. Williams,	2 00
“ “ “	Mrs. P. Doppman,	32 00
“ “ “	Mrs. Beaugor,	8 00
“ “ “	D. D. Gardner,	39 00
“ alcohol ex., tools, etc., P. Doppman,		6 74
W. L. Smith & Co., coffin for D. D. Gardner,		13 00
“ coffin and comfortables,		14 50
Jared Remington, care of Oliver Irvin,		15 50
Joseph Pocket, “ “ and digging grave,		6 25
W. L. Smith & Co., coffin for Oliver Irvin,		7 00
E. M. Graves. Mdse. “		94
A. M. Peck, Sexton D. D. Gardner,		4 00
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		\$1323 79

Miscellaneous Expenses.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Wm. D. Billings,	Assessor,	60 00
C. L. Warner,	“	56 25
Eurotas Morton,	“	51 50
Wm. D. Billings,	Clerk,	25 00
A. L. Strong,	School Committee,	29 50
C. L. Graves,	“ “	23 75
E. M. Martin,	“ “	20 00
Roswell Billings,	Treasurer,	35 00
John E. Doane,	Collector,	100 00
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		\$401 00

School Expenses.

C. L. Graves,	crayons,	7 00
“	repairs,	11 00
A. L. Strong,	repairs on school houses,	9 70

E. M. Martin,	crayons, books and supplies,	7 50
“	repairs,	2 15
Mrs. John Leary,	cleaning Center school house,	3 50
John Burke,	“ school house,	1 50
Fitzgibbons,	“ “ “ West Brook,	2 50
C. Murphy,	“ “ “ No. Hatfield,	1 50
Jare Brown,	repairs, West Hatfield,	23 00
Leander Crafts,	whitewashing W. Brook school house,	3 00
I. R. Clark,	glass,	8 61
Wm. Dougherty,	repairs,	5 95
Rufus Ames,	books, etc.,	7 92
Bridgman & Childs,	“	1 85
Eames & Sprague,	supplies,	21 83
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		\$118 51

Incidental Expenses.

Economical Printing Co.,	order book and tax bills,	7 75
Kizer & Hamlin,	Soldiers and Sailors' record,	50 00
Rufus Ames,	oil and nails, Town Hall,	1 18
Clark W. Bryan & Co.,	Collector's book,	1 25
S. W. Kingsley,	repairing scraper and fire extinguisher,	14 40
Horace Shumway,	expressage,	7 00
Gazette Printing Co.,	blanks for Assessors,	2 00
Alvin Dinsmore,	abatement '77 tax,	2 00
Nelson Allair,	work in cemetery,	3 44
H. G. Moore,	“ “	3 00
A. M. Peck,	“ “	3 00
“	recording deaths,	7 00
J. E. Wight,	hedge plants for cemetery,	8 25
Theodore Porter,	care Town Hall,	50
W. D. Billings,	recording deaths, births and marriages,	26 20
Eames & Sprague,	Town Hall,	38
H. S. Hubbard,	shingles, boards and labor, Town Hall,	15 93
“	paper and check book,	85
“	expenses to Spring'd, twice, pauper case,	5 30
Michael Kennedy,	damages on highway,	3 75

L. S. Crafts, care watering tank,	5 00
J. E. Doane, services as Constable,	3 00
“ postage,	2 40
“ work on Town Hall,	7 25
Wm. Dougherty, painting hearse,	10 00
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	\$190 83

Interest Paid.

John Pickering & Mosely,	71 72
Richardson, Hill & Co.,	192 50
First National Bank, Northampton,	10 60
Discount on Taxes,	168 64
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	\$443 46

Bills Payable.

Treasurer's Notes, John Pickering & Mosely,	3000 00
“ “ Richardson, Hill & Co.,	2500 00
“ “ First National Bank, Northampton,	1000 00
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	\$6500 00

RECAPITULATION.

Receipts, 1878.

John Pickering & Mosely,	4800 00
First National Bank of Northampton,	1900 00
Corporation Tax,	135 04
Bank Tax,	1545 52
State Aid,	192 00
Dog fund,	63 78
Massachusetts School fund,	183 72
School Committee,	10 03
Rent of Town Hall,	3 00

Mrs. Minerva Gardner, for D. D. Gardner,	3 00
Oliver Irvin, State,	7 75
Assessment of Taxes, 1878,	5665 90
Interest on Taxes, from J. E. Doane,	18 40
Cash in Treasurer's hands, March, 1878,	1705 73
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	\$16233 87

Expenditures, 1878.

Selectmen's orders paid,	6454 70
State Tax,	710 00
County Tax,	1810 74
Discount on Taxes,	168 64
Interest on Notes,	274 82
Assessors' order of abatement,	16 00
Richardson, Hill & Co.'s Note,	2000 00
John Pickering & Mosely's Note,	3800 00
First National Bank of Northampton,	900 00
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	\$16134 90
Cash in Treasurer's hands.	98 97
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	\$16233 87

H. S. HUBBARD, } *Selectmen*
O. C. WELLS, } *of*
H. G. MOORE, } *Hatfield.*

ROSWELL BILLINGS, TREASURER.

HATFIELD, March, 8, 1879.

Appropriations for 1878.

Schools,	1500 00
Highways and Bridges,	1000 00
Poor,	1000 00
Contingent Expenses,	500 00
Town Aid,	70 00
Public Library,	150 00
Record Soldiers and Sailors,	75 00
Interest,	250 00
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	\$4545 00

List of Jurors reported by the Selectmen.

Charles A. Jones,
 Charles E. Wilkie,
 Alvin L. Strong,
 Rufus H. Cowles,
 Edward Curtis,
 Silas S. Dwight,
 Samuel P. Billings,
 Nelson Allair,
 Edmund Powers.
 M. P. Bradford.
 Michael Larkin.
 E. M. Martin.

John E. Doane,
 Joseph S. Wells,
 Roswell Billings,
 Wm. D. Billings,
 O. Stanley Graves,
 Jonathan S. Graves,
 John T. Fitch,
 George A. Billings,
 Luman Moore,
 Silas G. Hubbard,
 Patrick Mullanny.

ARTICLES IN THE WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING, MARCH, 17, 1879.

ARTICLE 1ST.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2ND.—To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing, including one person for member of the School Committee for three years.

ART. 3RD.—To choose an Elector under the will of the late Oliver Smith, Esq.

ART. 4TH.—To revise and accept the list of Jurors as submitted by the Selectmen.

ART. 5TH.—To hear the reports of the Selectmen and School Committee, and act thereon.

ART. 6TH.—To receive and pass on town accounts.

ART. 7TH.—To take action in relation to raising money to defray the necessary expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

ART. 8TH.—To see what method the town will adopt for the maintainance and repairs of Highways and Bridges the ensuing year.

ART. 9TH.—To see what action the town will take in relation to the prompt payment of taxes the coming year.

ART. 10TH.—To see if the town will raise money to pay the outstanding debts of the town.

ART. 11TH.—To see if the town will make an appropriation for the Public Library, and choose a Committee for the same.

ART. 12TH.—To see if the town will accept of "An Act in relation to the election of Selectmen and Assessors of Towns," Approved by the General Court, May 15, 1878.

ART. 13TH.—To see what action the town will take concerning Truant children.

Annual Report of the
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
For the Year Ending March, 1879.

In the discharge of the duties assigned them, the Board of School Committee submit to the town their Annual Report.

It has been our aim during the year now closed, to confine our expenditures within the sum appropriated for schools; therefore, we have practised economy in every thing possible, consistent with the best interests of the schools and the future public good.

The No. of teachers employed, 10; No. retained throughout the year, 4. A very large percentage of our teachers have been home-made, graduates of Smith Academy. They have, taken as a whole, been very successful. No one has been a failure; yet, some have been more successful than others in discipline. We have employed some teachers from other towns, who have been equally rewarded with success. All have seemed to take a deep interest in their work of instruction, and, in the main, good discipline has been the rule rather than the exception. Much interest has been taken in the preservation of the school property. We do not propose to single out any who have partially failed, nor those that achieved the greatest success, but make our criticisms and commendations in general terms; as more evil than good would naturally arise from personal allusion.

We have put our shoulders to the wheel, from time to time, with the teachers, and done all in our ability to correct all mistakes and push forward the education of our pupils in good morals as well as in book knowledge; although, in many respects we feel that we have erred.

Many teachers are far more anxious how to govern than how to teach; forgetting that the great secret of good discipline, is good teaching. Often, the pupil who is the most troublesome when uninterested and careless, becomes a most earnest student when rightly directed and inspired by a true teacher. The teacher should lead, instead of drive; teach, instead of hear recitations; encourage originality of thought and method, instead of requiring the exact language and matter of the book. She should be the earnest friend of every pupil, rather than the stern, unyielding monarch. One original thought of the pupil is worth a score committed to memory from the book. This is a question that can not be too strongly emphasized, and one which is much overlooked by many who are teaching. If the pupil comes to the recitation with his or her lesson passably well committed to memory, it is thought to be enough, without investigating the matter to see whether the pupil has any ideas of his or her own on the subject in question.

Considerable time has been taken up with reading and spelling during the year, and with much profit to the pupils. These branches are apt to be neglected by teachers and scholars, as many have a strong desire to get up higher on the ladder, little realizing the mistake that they have made, until it is, in many cases, too late to be remedied. These branches, and all others in the fundamental principles of the rudiments of education, can not be too thoroughly understood; hence the importance of employing teachers thoroughly versed in their occupation. Yet something more is needed. The co-operation of the parents with the teacher is an important element. Unless the sympathy of parents is in harmony with the purpose of the teacher, the school is shorn of much success.

Judicious people do not frequently point the exceptional blemishes of an exceptionally excellent school to their neighbors, knowing what evil will result from "sowing tares among the wheat;" but discreet people strive to help mould and make a school,—not to mar it and discourage its teacher. There is no better way of showing your interest in the welfare of your children, than by frequent visits to the school-room. It inspires the pupils to nobler and grander purposes of thought and action, and stimulates the teacher to adopt better methods of operation.

The most of our schools labor under great disadvantage, through the negligence of some of the parents to provide sufficient text books for their children. Some scholars, in cases of need, have been furnished at the expense of the town; yet others, who ought to come fully equipped, are but partially supplied; consequently, great annoyance to the teacher to borrow books for them, or devise some other plan to keep them, who have nothing to do, quiet.

We shall not receive the full benefit of the money expended for schools, until the town buys and owns all books used in our public schools; thereby giving all classes a free and equal chance for the improvement of the mind. Your committee suggest, that it would be wise economy for the town, to purchase at wholesale prices and supply all deficiencies as they occur; each book to be labeled with proper rules for protection and loaned to the pupil. Many towns in the State have adopted this plan with success.

An examination of some of our school registers, show at a glance, that the record of attendance for the year now closed, is below mediocrity; for which various reasons can be given: The summer and winter terms were unavoidably broken up by the invisible hand of God, in prostration of teachers and scholars by sickness; but aside from sickness, we do not, as a town, approximate to a good degree of punctuality in attendance. In the school year of 1876-7, of the 342 towns and cities in the state, we rank the 305th town in percentage of attendance; while 304 rank better, and only 37 are below us.

It does seem to your committee, that considerable absence and tardiness might be avoided if all parents were seeking for the highest good of their children, instead of the small pittance that they can earn at home. Indifference is sometimes met with, where parents do not, or can not, make their children go to school; and yet others send their children, as they suppose, to school, but they do not go there; but go to some pond where there is skating or some other recreation.

While we have brought these facts to your notice, we wish to remind you, that we have laws in our State for such cases, which should be made to bear upon them with all their force.

The Legislature of 1873, passed an act as follows:—

“Each city and town shall make all needful provisions and arrangements concerning habitual truants and children between the ages of seven and fifteen years who may be found wandering about in the streets or public places of such city or town, having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school, and growing up in ignorance; and shall also make such by-laws as shall be most conducive to the welfare of such children, and to the good of such city or town; and shall provide suitable places for the confinement, discipline and instruction of such children: provided, that said by-laws shall be approved by the Superior court or a Justice thereof, or by the Judge of probate of the county.”

When we think of the pauperism, vice and crime, which ignorance, is in a large degree accountable, it does seem to your committee that the town should use all the means available to enhance the value of our public schools; therefore, we shall present at the annual town meeting, a form of by-laws concerning truant children, to be acted upon by the town.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following named scholars attended school the entire year without an absent or tardy mark:

MARIA CARTER, GILBERT E. MORTON.

No. of children between the ages of 5 and 15,	293
No. reported last year,	301
No. of children who have attended school,	295
Average number attending each term,	259
Average attendance,	203
No. of children over 15,	12
No. of children under 5,	4

NAMES OF TEACHERS AND WAGES PAID PER MONTH, INCLUDING BOARD.

Hill Grammar, Fanny Woodard, part summer,	24	00	
“ “ Carrie Graves, remainder “	24	00	
“ “ “ “ fall,	22	00	
“ “ A. L. Dyer, winter,	24	00	210 50
Hill Primary, Carrie L. Warner, summer,	24	00	
“ “ “ “ fall,	22	00	
“ “ Emma E. Porter, winter,	24	00	210 50
Center Grammar, Mary L. Waite, sum. and fall,	22	00	
“ “ “ “ winter,	24	00	205 00
Center Primary, Lilla H. Peck, sum. and fall,	22	00	
“ “ Myra E. Parsons, winter,	24	00	204 50
North Hatfield, Alice L. Bartlett, sum. and fall,	22	00	
“ “ “ “ winter,	24	00	204 50
West Brook, Cora H. Eaton, sum., fall and win.,	24	00	216 00
West Hatfield, Emma E. Porter, sum. and fall,	24	00	
“ “ Delia Bates, winter,	24	00	216 00

Amount appropriated for schools,	\$1500	00
“ Received from State School Fund,	183	72
“ “ from Dog Fund, 1877,	58	18
“ “ from School Committee of Northampton, for tuition,	12	00
Amount unexpended last year,	18	73
“ received from Rufus Swift, for tuition,	15	00
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	\$1787	63

Amount expended for teachers and board,	\$1469	80
“ “ for wood and coal,	177	18
“ “ for care of school houses,	46	35
“ “ for Mdse. and apparatus for schools,	1	00
Balance unexpended,	93	30
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	\$1787	63

ALVIN L. STRONG,	} School Committee of the Town of Hatfield.
CHARLES L. GRAVES,	
EZRA M. MARTIN,	

HATFIELD, March, 1879.

SCHOOLS.	Length of School in Weeks.		Whole Number of Scholars in each School.		Average attendance in each School.		No. of Children under 5 years of age.		No. of Children over 15 years of age.					
	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	Sum.	Fall.	Win.		
Hill Grammar . .	11	11	14	21	31	44	18	27	29	0	0	0	3	
Hill Primary . . .	11	11	14	57	55	50	43 ¹³ ₂₇	44 ³⁴ ₅₅	35 ¹³ ₁₆	1	0	0	0	0
Center Grammar .	12	10	14	28	23	29	18	20	22	0	0	0	0	0
Center Primary .	12	11	13	46	41	35	35 ³ ₅	33 ²⁶ ₅₅	26 ¹ ₂	1	1	0	0	0
North Hatfield .	12	11	13	27	27	25	24	23 ¹⁵ ₅₇	20 ⁵⁹ ₆₄	0	0	0	0	1
West Brook . . .	12	11	13	28	31	41	21 ¹⁰ ₁₀	25 ⁴¹ ₁₀₀	35 ¹ ₃₀	1	1	0	0	8
West Hatfield . .	11	11	14	38	51	49	25 ³ ₁₀	42 ¹⁰ ₅₁	36 ¹ ₁₀	0	1	0	0	1

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
SELECTMEN,
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AND
LIBRARY COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF HATFIELD,

For the Year Ending March 1, 1880.



NORTHAMPTON, MASS. :
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1880.

Selectmen's Report.

The time has again arrived when it is the duty of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor to report to the voters of the town their doings, and how the appropriations of the town, for the past year, have been expended. It is our desire to report to you in a way that you may know where every dollar of your money has gone, so that each voter can see and approve or disapprove, as he likes. The appropriations made for the year were not quite large enough, in some accounts, to carry us through, so that we were obliged to exceed; but taking the appropriations as a whole we have not exceeded, as you will see by a careful examination of our report.

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

One thousand dollars was appropriated for these accounts, seven hundred for highways and three hundred for bridges. We have expended for bridges, \$462.19; highways, \$874.15.

On a close examination of our bridges, we found eight or ten of them in bad condition, and we were obliged to replank eight, and partially replank several more. We have rebuilt abutments on two bridges on the Depot road, and have otherwise repaired them.

POOR.

This branch of town business requires a great deal of patience, and, as is well known, is the hardest and most unsatisfactory of all town business, but we have tried to labor faithfully, so that we might do justice both to the town and to the poor. We have aided forty different ones during the past year. We have paid for this account, \$1,218.15; of this amount, \$31.93 that we have paid for B. Perham, will come back to us from the State, as we find that he is a State pauper.

TOWN DEBT.

The indebtedness of the town amounts to John Pickering & Moseley's note of \$2,000, due June 3d, 1880; and two notes held by the State Treasurer of \$3,500 and \$1,000, due April 11th, 1880, and August 20th, 1880; and outstanding bills to about \$350. Total, \$6,850.

To offset this, we find in the hands of the Treasurer, cash \$1,035.25; a balance due on E. F. Billings' note of \$41.53; due from State on poor account, \$27.07; and State aid, \$276.87, leaving a balance of \$5,469.28 as the indebtedness of the town. Decreasing the indebtedness of the town, \$1,650.80

H. S. HUBBARD,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
H. G. MOORE,	
C. B. DICKINSON,	
	} <i>of</i>
	} <i>Hatfield.</i>

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EXPENDITURES.

PAID OLD BILLS, 1878.

Sundry highway bills,	\$76 05
H. G. Moore, services Selectman,	45 00
O. C. Wells, “ “	45 00
H. S. Hubbard, “ “	80 00
“ “ board J. Remington and Irvin,	17 50
Dr. C. M. Barton, medical attendance for Mrs. Sarah Williams and O. Irvin,	45 00
Horace Shumway, expressage,	2 00
L. H. Kingsley, printing town report,	31 05
“ “ order book and bills,	4 45
“ “ printing for Library,	1 00
A. L. Strong, services Schpol Committee,	6 75
Slate & Baker, for P. Doppmann,	4 90
City of Springfield, O. Childs,	1 50
Wm. Dougherty, repairs Town Hall,	1 25
O. C. Wells, “ “	1 00
Rufus Ames, oil and chimneys,	4 56
Mrs. A. Taylor,	6 00
Moses W. Kingsley, sand,	1 47

\$374 48

HIGHWAY BILLS.

HILL DISTRICT.—PATRICK MULLANNY, *Surveyor*.

Paid Patrick Mullanny, labor,	\$93 95
Joseph Baker, “	3 68
John Ryan, Sr., “	4 85
Michael Larkin, “	2 00
E. Seward Warner, “	6 00
“ “ sand,	60
H. S. Porter, labor,	22 50
H. S. Hubbard, “	14 50
Moses W. Kingsley, “	1 70
C. L. Graves, “	2 80
J. D. Porter, “	19 72
“ “ sand,	4 85
C. Schweder, labor,	38
James Porter, labor, 5.30; sand, 35c.,	5 65
S. D. Porter, labor,	1 00
J. S. Graves & Son, “	9 00
Geo. C. Fitch & Son, “	4 00
John Gendrou, “	7 85
Mack La Mountain, “	50
Chas. E. Kingsley, “	2 00
M. N. Hubbard, “	1 40
M. E. Warner, “	12 85
Moses W. Kingsley, “	1 80
John Ryan, “	1 30
John Gorman, “	2 00
Horace Shumway, “	7 20
Nelson Allair, labor, 7.00; sand, 1.65,	8 65
E. S. Warner, labor,	1 80
J. T. Fitch, “	8 25
A. Allair, Jr., “	90
“ “ clay,	1 10

 \$254 78

DISTRICT NO. 3.—FRED CARL, *Surveyor*.

Fred Carl,	labor,	\$42 50
Edward Proulx,	"	5 50
John McHugh,	"	4 50
L. S. Waite,	"	75
C. G. Waite,	"	6 00
Lewis Murray,	"	1 50
W. H. Dickinson & Son,	"	18 00
W. P. Allis,	"	4 00
Theodore Baggs,	"	2 50
A. M. Peck,	"	2 00
James Breeor,	"	7 30
John Kenen,	"	2 00
James Ryam,	"	4 00
Wm. B. Langdon,	"	1 00
L. S. Bliss,	"	4 55
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		\$106 10

DISTRICT NO. 2.—EDWIN BRAINERD, *Surveyor*.

Paid J. D. Billings,	labor,	\$22 60
David Billings,	"	2 00
George Steele,	"	5 15
J. S. Wells,	"	1 80
Theodore Baggs,	"	1 57
Charles K. Morton,	"	1 57
Henry Stinglein,	"	1 00
George Vollinger,	"	1 20
Lumon Moore,	"	5 10
S. F. Billings,	"	5 00
Edwin Brainerd,	"	32 34
John McHugh,	"	2 40
John Batzold,	"	50
F. D. Billings,	"	53
Mrs. C. M. Billings,	"	2 77
Jacob Carl,	"	8 60
John A. Billings,	"	4 20
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		\$98 33

WEST HATFIELD DISTRICT.—M. P. BRADFORD, *Surveyor*.

Paid N. T. Abells,	labor,	\$31 25
M. P. Bradford,	"	65 00
J. A. Cutter,	"	6 50
Wm. Carson,	"	4 00
David B. Curtis,	"	2 50
Peter Stoter,	"	2 50
Philip Carl,	"	15 00
Mrs. J. Vollinger,	"	1 00
Joseph Kleasoner,	"	1 30
Peter Saffer,	"	6 02
Henry Dwight,	"	8 00
John Ryan,	"	7 80
P. L. Strong & Sons,	"	5 40
Frank Newman,	"	1 00
Joseph Stoter,	"	1 00
Adam Doppmann,	"	3 00
John Batzold,	"	2 00
Fred Wagner,	"	30
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		\$163 57

NORTH HATFIELD DISTRICT.—O. STANLEY GRAVES, *Surveyor*.

O. Stanley Graves,	labor,	\$34 31
C. B. Marsh & Son,	"	10 90
Edwin Harris,	"	3 15
John W. Field,	"	77
H. G. Moore,	"	3 60
Leander Cooley,	"	8 82
Lysander Cooley,	"	1 55
Eleazer F. Cooley,	"	4 50
Dennis Cooley,	"	4 00
Charles D. Bartlett,	"	2 25
S. D. Bartlett,	"	1 00
A. S. Jones & Sons,	"	15 00
R. & W. H. Belden,	"	14 75
Eurotas Morton,	"	7 00
E. W. Field,	"	3 30
Henry H. Field,	"	4 50
David Powers,	"	2 70
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		\$122 10

WEST BROOK DISTRICT.—D. A. VINING, *Surveyor*.

H. R. Graves,	labor,	\$17 00
Wm. S. Briggs, *	“	4 00
Horace Waite,	“	14 00
“ “	posts,	1 62
D. A. Vining,	labor,	62 75
Conrad Wolfran,	“	4 70
Philip Jubenoille,	“	3 00
Dwight Morton,	“	2 50
David Fitzgerald,	“	1 00
Reuben Mosher,	“	1 00
Michael Clancy,	“	2 40
C. B. Dickinson,	“	11 00
L. S. Crafts,	“	4 30
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		\$129 27

BRIDGE ACCOUNT.

L. S. Burt, for nails,	\$1 92
Paid George W. Warner, lumber,	22 42
E. M. Martin, for spikes,	77
C. G. & F. A. Crafts, for plank,	23 11
Rodney Smith,	55 17
Henry G. Moore,	20 83
O. Stanley Graves,	16 09
J. C. Clark, for cement,	13 80
H. S. Hubbard, for lumber,	104 17
M. P. Bradford, for labor,	51 00
“ “ board L. Bradford, spikes, &c.,	8 00
N. T. Abells, labor,	25 50
Silas S. Dwight, freight on cement,	5 38
John Batzold, labor,	10 00
William Carson,	9 30
Peter Saffer,	11 50
Boardman & Pippin, iron,	1 25

Paid J. H. Howard, spikes, &c.,	\$6 25
Philip Carl, labor,	3 50
E. H. Woods, plank,	23 53
Edwin Bardwell, stone work,	4 00
Levi Bradford, " "	22 00
Fred Wagner, labor,	1 00
Joseph Kleasoner, "	1 50
C. B. Dickinson, "	20 00
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	\$462 19

PAID FOR POOR.

Support of A. M. Richmond,	\$182 81
" F. F. Abbott,	172 46
" Emily Brenette,	112 76
" Michael Ryan and wife,	59 50
" Mrs. Gertie Murray,	52 00
" Mrs. Sarah Williams,	34 50
" Mrs. Jane Stone,	86 00
" Mrs. Lysander Chaffin,	124 68
" B. Perham,	31 93
" Joseph Proulx,	3 13
" Alice Wheeler's baby,	57 50
" Bertie and Penny Wheeler, Reform School,	43 40
Watson Smith & Co., coffins for Alice and Lilie Wheeler,	16 00
A. M. Peck, sexton " " "	7 00
Minerva Gould, care " " "	7 50
Supplies, " " "	3 32
Mrs. Arthur Taylor,	15 00
Agitor Permendo,	7 00
Daniel Martin,	1 50
Francis Ballau,	1 00
Henry G. Moore, tramps,	1 20
C. Schweder, "	66 40
Support of P. Doppmann and family,	131 56
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	\$1,218 15

PAID FOR SCHOOLS.

George W. Warner, wood,	\$11 00
E. H. Dyer, sawing wood,	2 75
Henry Cutter, " "	3 40
Patsey Whalen, " "	1 00
Albert Dyer, teaching, Hill,	72 00
Miss Laura Clapp, " "	205 00
" Nellie Clapp, " "	60 00
" Cora H. Eaton, " "	84 00
" " " teaching, West Brook,	42 00
" Alice L. Bartlett, teaching, No. Hatfield,	156 00
" Lilla H. Peck, " " "	60 00
" " " " West Hatfield,	66 00
" Sarah E. Loomis, " Center,	66 00
" Myra E. Parsons, " West Brook,	174 00
" Mary L. Waite, " Center,	132 00
" Carrie L. Warner, " "	139 00
" Ellen Miller, " "	84 00
" Nellie A. Dwight, " West Hatfield,	133 00
John Smith, janitor,	1 50
L. E. Bartlett, " "	1 05
E. M. Martin, " "	10 95
Eddie Porter, " "	12 75
George Porter, " "	7 50
Freddie Allair, " "	9 50
Joseph Kleasoner, " "	7 25
Peter Schweder, " "	50
Charles T. Parsons, coal,	17 59
W. D. Clapp, " "	27 54
D. A. Vining, " "	19 07
John McHugh, drawing coal,	4 00
E. M. Martin, " "	2 00
C. L. Graves, " "	5 00
G. C. Fitch & Son, wood,	7 00
Horace Waite, wood and sawing,	43 40

 \$1,667 85

STATE AID.

Paid Mrs. N. B. Graves,	\$48 00
Mrs. Ruth Dennis,	48 00
Mrs. Minerva Anderson,	48 00
James Shea,	132 87
John W. Madison,	20 00
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	\$296 87

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

E. F. Billings, librarian,	\$25 00
Wm. P. Allis, wood and sawing,	5 00
E. M. Graves, oil,	32
Mrs. John Leary, cleaning library,	1 00
Bridgman & Childs, books,	116 70
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	\$148 02

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Wm. D. Billings, Assessor,	\$57 50
S. D. Porter, “	51 25
R. P. Smith, “	51 25
Roswell Billings, Treasurer,	50 00
Wm. D. Billings, Clerk,	50 00
C. L. Graves, School Committee,	29 00
J. S. Wells, “ “	25 00
E. M. Martin, “ “	21 50
John E. Doane, Collector,	100 00
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	\$435 50

SCHOOL-HOUSE REPAIRS AND SUPPLIES.

J. S. Wells, repairs on school-houses,	\$20 07
C. L. Graves, " " "	7 00
Morris Fitzgibbons, " " "	2 50
N. T. Abells, " " "	10 16
Wm. Dougherty, " " "	4 10
H. H. Bangs, " " "	8 15
S. W. Kingsley, " " "	8 05
L. S. Crafts, " " "	8 90
J. F. Green, repairs on black boards,	24 14
C. L. Graves, books, crayons and supplies,	12 80
E. M. Martin, " " "	20 27
Bridgman & Childs, books,	18 90
E. M. Graves, " "	17 57
E. M. Martin, cleaning school-house,	1 25
Eames & Sprague, supplies for school-houses,	9 90
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	\$173 76

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Theodore Porter, care town hall,	\$1 35
N. T. Abells, repairing road scraper,	3 00
Geo. S. Phelps, " " "	33 00
Patrick Boyle, land damage,	5 00
A. M. Peck, labor in cemetery,	13 37
Chas. A. Wight, " "	3 00
L. S. Crafts, " "	8 24
" " care water tank,	5 00
Metcalf & Co., blanks for assessors,	5 00
Clark W. Bryan & Co., tax book,	1 08
L. H. Kingsley, tax bills,	3 85
Wm. D. Billings, postage and dog license,	2 50
H. S. Hubbard, repairs on town hall,	4 25
I. R. Clark, glass, " "	8 00
Wm. Dougherty, repairs, " "	4 30
J. E. Doane, " " "	3 25
J. T. Fitch, " " "	2 00

E. S. Warner, notifying town officers,	\$3 25
E. F. Billings, services as constable,	8 00
Horace Shumway, expressage,	4 10
M. H. Spaulding & Co., crow-bar,	1 25
A. M. Peck, recording deaths,	6 25
H. S. Hubbard, paper, postage, and carrying mail,	4 00
John E. Doane, stamps and paper,	1 80
Wm. D. Billings, recording births, deaths and marriages,	23 65
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	\$158 49

INTEREST PAID.

John Pickering & Moseley,	\$163 29
Richardson, Hill & Co.,	68 45
Hide and Leather Bank,	22 50
State Treasurer,	107 50
First National Bank, Northampton,	110 13
Discount on Taxes,	106 86
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	\$578 73

BILLS PAYABLE.

Treasurer's Notes, State Treasurer,	\$4,500 00
“ “ John Pickering & Moseley,	2,000 00
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	\$6,500 00

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS, 1879.

Cash in Treasurer's hands, March 1st, 1879.	\$98 97
Corporation Tax,	171 19
Bank Tax,	1,386 01
State Aid,	192 00
Relief of indigent soldiers and sailors,	23 45
State Poor,	37 08
Mrs. Sarah Williams' Estate,	51 34
Rent of Town Hall,	8 00
Anthony Allair, old plank,	1 25
S. W. Kingsley, cement,	1 65
Massachusetts School Fund,	179 02
School Committee,	15 00
E. F. Billings, paid on note,	18 00
State Treasurer,	4,500 00
First National Bank,	1,000 00
John Pickering & Moseley,	2,000 00
Town of Palmer,	4 86
Dog Fund,	47 00
Assessment of Taxes, 1879,	7,649 30
Interest on taxes, from J. E. Doane,	19 86
E. M. Graves, sale of school books,	11 63
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	\$17,415 61

EXPENDITURES, 1879.

Old orders,	\$318 78
State Tax,	355 00
County Tax,	1,763 09
Discount on Taxes,	106 86
Interest on Notes,	471 87
Richardson, Hill & Co.'s Note,	2,500 00
John Pickering & Moseley, Note,	2,000 00
Hide and Leather Bank, “	1,000 00
First National Bank, “	1,000 00

Selectmen's orders paid,	\$5,809 46
Assessors order of abatement,	44 63
First National Bank, note and interest,	1,010 67
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	\$16,380 36
Cash in Treasurer's hands,	1,035 25
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	\$17,415 61

H. S. HUBBARD,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
H. G. MOORE,	
C. B. DICKINSON,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Hatfield.</i>

ROSWELL BILLINGS, *Treasurer.*

HATFIELD, March 4th, 1880.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1879.

Schools,	\$1,400 00
Highways and Bridges,	1,000 00
Poor,	1,000 00
Contingent Expenses,	700 00
Town Officers,	600 00
Interest,	250 00
Town Debt,	1,000 00
Public Library,	150 00
Old Bills,	600 00
Town Aid,	70 00
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	\$6,770 00

LIST OF JURORS REPORTED BY THE SELECTMEN.

Charles E. Wilkie,	John E. Doane,
Alvin L. Strong,	Roswell Billings,
Rufus H. Cowles,	Wm. D. Billings,
Silas S. Dwight,	O. Stanley Graves,
Samuel P. Billings,	Jonathan S. Graves,
Michael Larkin,	John T. Fitch,
George A. Billings,	Otis C. Wells,
Silas G. Hubbard,	Patrick Mullanny,
Henry H. Field,	Charles S. Shattuck,
Henry R. Graves,	William C. Dickinson,
Charles E. Hubbard,	Edward C. Waite,
Samuel D. Porter.	

ARTICLES IN THE WARRANT FOR TOWN
MEETING, MARCH 15, 1880.

ARTICLE 1.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

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ART. 12.—To see if the town will take action, or choose a Committee, to look after the interests of the town in regard to the railroad crossings in the town.

ART. 13.—To see if the town will choose a special police for protection against tramps.

Report of School Committee.

In presenting our report we feel justified in saying that the condition of the schools compares favorably with former years. We have, by the strictest economy, been able to confine our expenses within the amount appropriated, which was much smaller than in previous years.

The whole number of teachers employed, twelve; number retained throughout the year, one. We have, on the whole, been very successful in obtaining good teachers, and some whose services we have been anxious to retain throughout the year, we have been prevented from so doing by sickness or other unfavorable circumstances.

We have, as a rule, had good discipline in the schools, but we are aware that in some of the schools it has not been quite what it should be, and think it would be money well expended to employ good male teachers for some of our schools through the winter term. This is desirable both for the preservation of order and the protection of school property. We have not been able to procure good male teachers with the amount of money at our disposal.

The scholars might be advanced much faster and better results obtained if the parents would take more interest in their children's success, and thus encourage them to greater efforts.

The number of scholars in some of our schools is very large, and it is impossible for a teacher to do justice by

so many. We would call the attention of the people to the need of another school-house, which could be located so as to accommodate scholars from the Hill, Pantry and Center Districts.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following named scholars have attended school the entire year, without an absent or tardy mark :—

HARRY ABELLS,	FRED. COOLEY,
ALBERT BENWAY,	EUGENE JUBENVILLE,
GILBERT MORTON,	CARRIE SMITH.

No. of children between the ages of 5 and 15,	323
No. reported last year,	293
No. of children who have attended school,	333
Average number attending each term,	283
Average attendance,	232.
No. of children over 15,	11
No. of children under 5,	7

NAMES OF TEACHERS AND WAGES PAID PER MONTH, INCLUDING BOARD.

Hill Grammar, Albert Dyer, summer,	\$24 00	
“ “ Nellie L. Clapp, fall,	24 00	
“ “ Cora H. Eaton, winter,	24 00	\$216 00
Hill Primary, Laura H. Clapp, summer,	22 00	
“ “ “ “ fall,	22 00	
“ “ “ “ winter,	24 00	205 00
Center Grammar, Mary L. Waite, sum. and fall,	24 00	
“ “ Ellen Miller, winter,	24 00	216 00
Center Primary, Sarah E. Loomis, summer,	24 00	
“ “ Carrie L. Warner, fall,	22 00	
“ “ “ “ winter,	24 00	205 00

North Hatfield, Alice L. Bartlett, summer,	24 00	
“ “ Lilla H. Peck, fall,	24 00	
“ “ Alice L. Bartlett, winter,	24 00	216 00
West Brook, Cora H. Eaton, part summer,	24 00	
“ “ Myra E. Parsons, remainder,	24 00	
“ “ “ “ fall and winter,	24 00	216 00
West Hatfield, Lilla H. Peck, summer,	22 00	
“ “ Nellie A. Dwight, fall,	22 00	
“ “ “ “ winter,	24 00	199 00
Amount appropriated for schools,	\$1,400 00	
“ Received from State School Fund,	179 02	
“ “ from Dog Fund, 1878,	63 78	
“ “ from Rufus Swift for tuition,	15 00	
Amount unexpended last year,	93 30	
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	\$1,751 10	
Amount expended for teachers and board,	\$1,473 00	
“ “ “ wood and coal,	143 85	
“ “ “ care of school houses,	51 00	
Balance unexpended,	83 25	
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	\$1,751 10	

CHARLES L. GRAVES,
 EZRA M. MARTIN,
 JOSEPH S. WELLS,

} *School
 Committee.*

HATFIELD, March, 1880.

Library Report.

The Committee on the Library submit the following report :

The money appropriated by the town for the Library, is expended, for the most part, in three ways : First, in meeting the necessary running expenses ; second, in the cost of rebinding and repairing old books ; third, in purchasing new books.

With the limited amount of money placed at our disposal, we should ordinarily have very little to devote to the last mentioned purpose, meeting general expenses and repairing old books; exhausting so large a share of the appropriation.

During the past year, however, no old books have been rebound, and consequently more money has been devoted to buying new books. Sixty-three volumes have been purchased, at a cost of \$116.70.

In buying books, two courses are open to your Committee,—to add to the Library works just introduced to the public, many of them of passing interest ; or to make selection from the works of standard authors. We recognize the demand there is for the first by a large class of readers, and yet we feel that if the Library is to be a permanent good, the great writers of the English language ought to find a place on its shelves.

Very few of the latter class of books have been ob-

tained of late ; but with a moderate increase of appropriation, your Committee feel that the demand for current literature might be met, and besides a few standard books added each year to the Library.

What is true of all public libraries is true also of the library in this town,—the books most sought for are books of fiction. It is said, however, on good authority, that access to a good library tends to cultivate among readers a taste for more substantial literary food. We hope that will prove to be the case here. At any rate, we feel that our policy ought to be such as to encourage the right tendencies and meet the wants of those who read, not merely to be entertained, but to be profited as well.

FREDERIC D. BILLINGS,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
WILLIAM P. ALLEN,		
R. M. WOODS,		

REPORTS

OF

THE SELECTMEN

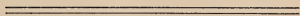
AND

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF HATFIELD,

For the Year Ending March 1, 1881.



HATFIELD, MASS.:
L. H. KINGSLEY, JOB PRINTER.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

To the Inhabitants of Hatfield:—

The Selectmen herewith submit their report for the year ending March 1, 1881.

SUMMARY.

State Treasurer's Note, due April 10, 1881,		\$2,500 00
“ “ “ “ Aug. 20, 1881,		1,000 00
John Pickering & Mosely's Note, due June 5, 1881,		2,000 00
Unpaid Orders,		517 00
Outstanding Bills,		500 00
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		\$6,517 00
In hands of Treasurer,	\$1,519 37	
Balance due on E. F. Billings' Note,	19 44	
Due from State and Military Aid,	105 00	\$1,643 81
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Indebtedness of the Town,		\$4,873 19

EXPENDITURES.

 OLD BILLS.

Sundry Highway bills,	\$45 49
C. B. Dickinson, for services as Selectman,	50 00
H. G. Moore, “ “ “	50 00
H. S. Hubbard, “ “ “	100 00
Sundry Poor bills,	161 33
Dr. Seymour, Medical aid to P. Doppman,	37 00
C. M. Barton, “ Alice and Lily Wheeler,	9 00
“ “ B. Perham,	3 00
“ “ P. Doppman,	4 00
“ “ Chaffin family,	5 50
John Kleasnor, services as Janitor,	7 50
Eddie Belden, “ “	1 50
J. C. Clark, coal,	25 36
N. T. Abells, glass, putty, &c.,	1 43
C. L. Graves, services as School Committee,	5 00
Eames & Sprague, stove pipe, &c.,	10 66
French & Kimball, coal,	20 91
H. S. Hubbard, repairs on Town Hall,	3 50
Theodore Porter, care “	1 00
Gazette Printing Co.,	25 00
J. E. Doane, abatement of taxes, &c.,	17 62
Delano & Hammond, advice to S. G. Hubbard,	7 00
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	\$591 80

HIGHWAY BILLS.

HILL DISTRICT.—G. W. WARNER, Surveyor.

Geo. W. Warner,	labor,	\$32 22
E. S. Warner,	"	11 35
H. S. Porter,	"	5 50
W. M. Jones,	"	7 50
M. W. Kingsley,	"	4 00
James Porter,	"	4 50
A. L. Dyer,	"	1 25
Henry Kingsley,	"	1 00
Fred Jubinville,	"	60
J. S. Graves & Son,	"	3 00
G. W. Fitch,	"	8 00
J. D. Porter,	"	10 50
M. E. Warner,	"	11 30
Elisha Hubbard, earth,		14 00
James Breeor,	"	75
Horace Shumway,	"	8 00
J. T. Fitch,	"	5 00
H. S. Porter,	"	75
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		\$129 22

DISTRICT NO. 2.—FRED. PEASE, Surveyor.

Fred. Pease, services and labor,	\$42 75
Fred. Bardwell,	4 00
Theodore Baggs,	8 50
Michael Boyle,	1 50
James Mullins,	2 50
Mrs. E. P. Dickinson,	1 00
Elisha Hubbard, earth and	14 00
James Nolan,	3 50

Jacob Carl,	labor,	4 50
Joseph Shepp,	"	1 50
Nicholas Powers,	"	1 00
George Steele,	"	2 50
Peter Saffer,	"	2 00
S. G. Hubbard,	"	7 50
David Billings,	"	7 00
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		\$103 75

DISTRICT No. 3.—FRED. CARL, Surveyor.

Fred. Carl, services and labor,	\$38 50
James Ryan,	2 00
Edward Proulx,	4 75
John O'Neil,	1 00
Edwin Brainerd,	4 00
John McHugh,	2 00
James O. Waite,	1 00
A. M. Peck,	1 72
O. & G. L. Marsh,	4 50
James Breeor,	2 30
W. P. Allis,	6 00
John Kerren,	1 00
John B. Ryan,	1 00
Lewis Murry,	1 00
C. G. Waite,	9 00
L. S. Bliss,	5 00
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	\$84 77

WEST HATFIELD DISTRICT.—M. P. BRADFORD, Surveyor.

M. P. Bradford, services and labor,	\$81 50
Phillip Carl,	21 00
Peter Stotter,	2 50

Erastus Strong,	labor,	3 50
Adam Doppman,	"	7 50
Peter Saffer,	"	1 70
John Batzold,	"	2 60
P. L. Strong & Sons,	"	1 00
Wm. Carson,	"	3 00
N. T. Abells,	"	2 00
Joseph Stotter,	"	2 00
Henry Wade,	"	1 00
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		\$129 30

NORTH HATFIELD DISTRICT.—O. STANLEY GRAVES, Surveyor.

O. S. Graves, services and labor,		\$29 13
H. G. Moore,	"	5 00
Edwin Harris,	"	4 50
H. H. Field,	"	4 50
E. F. Cooley,	"	4 00
John W. Field,	"	2 00
Leander Cooley,	"	8 70
Dennis Cooley,	"	8 75
Luman Crafts,	"	2 00
E. W. Field,	"	7 50
Lysander Cooley,	"	1 20
C. B. Marsh & Son, earth,		2 00
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		\$79 28

WEST BROOK DISTRICT.—HORACE WAITE, Surveyor.

Horace Waite & Son, services and labor,		\$34 44
Henry R. Graves,	"	6 75
Daniel A. Vining,	"	10 00
Morris Fitzgibbon,	"	3 00
Luman Crafts,	"	10 00

Edward C. Waite,	"	10 43
Dwight Morton,	"	3 00
Henry R. Graves,	"	7 00
C. B. Dickinson,	"	8 50
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		\$93 12

BRIDGE EXPENSES.—HILL BRIDGE.

Michael Cleary, stone work,		\$55 50
John Kiley,	"	55 00
James Savage,	"	20 70
Nonotuck Silk Co., use of derrick,		37 00
Horace Shumway, drawing stone,		7 00
Geo. W. Warner,	" " and labor,	69 70
Britnal & McDonald, 36 loads of stone,		36 00
J. A. Sullivan, cement,		62 00
E. S. Warner, labor and team,		22 62
M. E. Warner,	" "	15 65
H. S. Porter,	" "	8 25
W. M. Jones,	" "	7 20
Geo. W. Fitch,	" "	14 00
James Porter,	" "	26 40
John McGrath,	"	13 25
Chas. E. Kingsley,	"	4 00
Peter Belise,	"	3 75
Geo. S. Booth,	"	10 50
C. E. Hubbard,	"	5 00
Michael Stone,	"	8 75
S. W. Kingsley,	" and ironwork,	19 31
S. P. Billings,	"	10 00
J. E. Doane,	"	1 00
M. W. Kingsley,	"	3 75
Dexter Jones,	"	26 50
Robert McGrath,	"	3 50
J. S. Graves & Son,	"	9 40
J. D. Porter,	"	1 80

H. S. Hubbard,	labor,	7 00
George Benway,	"	2 50
R. P. Smith,	"	24 00
J. T. Fitch,	"	4 10
Chas. E. Wilkie,	lumber and time,	25 00
G. W. Warner,	" "	31 25
E. C. Davis,	advice on foundation,	5 25
J. H. Howard,	spikes and nails,	3 27
E. A. Burt,	boarding Cleary and Savage,	17 85
Mrs. A. Allair,	" " "	8 00
B. M. Couch,	castings for bridge,	11 06
John Maxwell,	lumber,	35 00
M. N. Hubbard,	labor,	1 00
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		\$732 81

OTHER BRIDGE EXPENSES:

John Maxwell,	plank,	\$80 00
G. W. Warner,	" and timber,	24 96
C. B. Dickinson,	" " and spikes,	10 32
Theodore Baggs,	"	3 00
O. S. Graves,	"	12 15
Horace Shumway,	"	75
E. M. Martin,	spikes,	83
J. H. Howard,	"	3 90
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		\$135 91

PAID FOR POOR.

State Hospital for support of A. M. Richmond,	\$186 62
" " " F. F. Abbott,	174 71
" " " Emily Brenette,	175 59
Support of Michael Ryan,	29 41
" Jane Stone,	2 00

Support of Alice Wheeler's Baby,	79 00
“ Pomeroy Doppman's family,	80 40
“ Chaffin family,—and R. R. tickets,	75 00
“ James Shea,	126 23
“ Charles Manchester's family,	15 00
“ James Powers,	21 87
“ Mrs. Gertie Murry,	9 00
C. G. Waite, house rent for M. Ryan,	3 33
G. W. Hubbard, “ P. Doppman,	36 00
Clothing for Doppman family,	14 15
State Reform School, for Bertie and Penny Wheeler,	104 00
“ “ “ James Stone and Thos. Moran,	35 00
Michael Boyle, care of tramps,	12 60
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	\$1,179 91

PAID FOR SCHOOLS.

P. L. Strong & Sons, for wood,	\$25 00
Henry Cutter, sawing wood,	5 00
Fred. D. Billings, drawing coal,	5 00
Oscar Belden, coal and drawing,	9 36
French & Kimball, coal,	20 28
B. F. Bridges, coal,	68 70
S. S. Dwight, freight on coal,	13 74
A. H. Graves, coal and drawing,	17 17
Miss Emma E. Porter, teaching, Hill,	72 00
“ Mary Elmer, “ “	72 00
“ Carrie L. Warner, “ “	147 00
“ Eva Mattoon, “ “	147 00
“ Myra E. Parsons, “ West Brook,	138 00
“ L. H. Clapp, “ “	72 00
“ Carrie S. Porter, “ “	147 00
“ A. L. Bartlett, “ West Farms,	72 00
“ Nellie A. Waite, “ “	147 00
“ Mary L. Waite, “ Center,	219 00
“ Anna H. Billings, “ “	147 00
“ Carrie L. Warner, “ “	72 00

Miss Anna L. Phillips, teaching, West Hatfield,	78 00
Eddie Burke, Janitor,	8 25
John Kleasnor, “	8 50
Eddie Belden, “	1 50
Lester Swift, “	2 30
George Cooley, “	1 75
Freddie Allair, “	6 50
George Cooley and Steven Kleosner, services as janitors,	9 00
Edward C. Waite, wood and sawing,	44 25
Geo. W. Fitch, wood,	3 25
Chas. E. Hubbard, boarding teacher,	4 75
F. D. Billings, drawing coal,	8 75
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	\$1,793 05

REPAIRS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

N. T. Abells, repairs,	\$27 41
H. H. Field, white washing, &c.,	3 50
C. H. Jones, windows and repairs,	5 00
J. S. Wells, cash and repairs,	12 67
Wm. Daugherty, repairs,	2 00
Bridgman & Childs, Mdse.,	15 20
A. C. Stockin, books,	70 61
B. E. Cook & Son, two clocks,	7 50
W. H. Day, stove pipe, &c.,	36 04
Oscar Belden, crayon, erasers, &c.,	2 12
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	\$182 05

PAID STATE AID.

Mrs. Elizabeth Coville,	\$48 00
“ Alonzo Dennis,	32 00
“ U. B. Graves,	40 00
“ Minerva Anderson,	44 00
Peter Carter,	18 00
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	\$182 00
Mrs. U. B. Graves, Town Aid,	\$35 00

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

E. F. Billings, librarian,	\$37 50
Bridgman & Childs, books,	85 57
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	\$123 07

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

TOWN OFFICERS.

W. D. Billings, Assessor,	\$60 00
“ “ copying valuation list,	20 00
S. D. Porter, “ “ “	13 75
“ “ Assessor,	65 00
G. L. Marsh, “	60 00
John E. Doane, Collector,	75 00
A. H. Graves, School Committee,	25 00
Oscar Belden, “ “	32 50
W. D. Billings, Town Clerk,	50 00
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	\$401 25

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Assessors' Counsel in matter of taxes,	\$2 00
S. S. Dwight, freight on plank,	11 00
Horace Shumway, expressage,	10 35
E. S. Warner, notifying town officers,	4 00
L. H. Kingsley, printing,	6 75
W. D. Billings, Collector's book and stamps,	2 00
C. H. Wight, trimming hedge in cemetery,	4 00
J. S. Holcomb, damage to wagon,	10 00
W. E. Bardwell, damage to harness and wagon,	5 00
Expense of running Town lines and Monuments,	13 25
Luman Crafts, care of water tank,	5 00

C. E. Belden, cleaning and repairing engine,	4 00
A. M. Peck, labor in cemetery,	12 70
W. D. Billings, recording deaths, births and marriages,	24 60
R. P. Smith, paper, postage and mail carrying,	5 00
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	\$119 65

INTEREST PAID.

State Treasurer, \$3,500, at $4\frac{3}{4}$ per cent,	\$166 25
John Pickering & Mosely, \$2,000, at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent,	45 00
State Treasurer, \$1,000, at 4 per cent,	40 00
Hampshire Co. Bank, \$1,000 for 3 mo., at 4 1-5 per c.,	10 50
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	\$261 75

BILLS PAYABLE.

State Treasurer's Note,—Due,	\$3,500 00
John Pickering & Mosely's Note,—Due,	2,000 00
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	\$5,500 00

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS, 1880.

Cash in hands of Treasurer, March 1, 1880,	\$1,035 25
State Treasurer,	4,500 00
John Pickering & Mosely,	2,000 00
Corporation Tax,	168 00
Bank Tax,	1,345 77
State and Military Aid,	184 37
Dog Fund,	54 89
Massachusetts School Fund,	181 53
Mrs. Chaffin's account,	1 99
Rent of Town Hall,	4 25
Old bridge plank,	3 80
E. F. Billings, paid on Note,	25 00
Rufus Swift, School Tuition,	15 00
Assessment of Taxes for 1880,	8,563 43
Interest on Taxes, from J. E. Doane,	45 31
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4	\$18,128 59

EXPENDITURES, 1880.

State Tax,	\$1,065 00
County Tax,	1,810 74
Discount on Taxes,	116 25
Interest on Notes,	261 75
State Treasurer's Note,	4,500 00
John Pickering & Mosely's Note,	2,000 00
Paid State Treasurer on Town Debt,	1,000 00
Insurance on Public Buildings,	190 50
Selectmen's Orders,	5,578 94
Assessors' Orders of Abatement,	86 04
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	\$16,609 22
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	1,519 37
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	\$18,128 59

R. P. SMITH,	} Selectmen of Hatfield.
F. K. PORTER,	
C. B. DICKINSON,	

ROSWELL BILLINGS, Treasurer.

HATFIELD, March 7, 1881.

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer and find them right cast and well vouched, and that there remains in the hands of the Treasurer One Thousand, Five Hundred and Nineteen Dollars and Thirty Seven cents. (\$1,519 37).

JOSEPH S. WELLS, Auditor.

HATFIELD, MASS., March 9, 1881.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1880.

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	\$6,920 00

LIST OF JURORS REPORTED BY THE SELECTMEN.

William Barnes,	Henry R. Graves,
Moses W. Kingsley,	Nathaniel T. Abells,
Henry Wade,	John Vollinger,
Charles E. Hubbard,	Henry S. Hubbard,
Luther Wells,	Wm. P. Allis,
Lewis S. Dyer,	A. E. Hyde,
Daniel W. Wells,	Eurotas Morton,
Charles K. Morton,	W. H. Dickinson,
Edwin Brainerd,	Jacob Carl,
J. H. Howard,	James Porter,
Levi Pease,	Arthur F. Curtis,
	Frederick Bardwell.

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ART. 12.—To see if the town will by its vote or otherwise ask the Legislature to extend to women who are citizens the right to hold Town Offices, and to vote in town affairs on the same terms as male citizens.

ART. 13.—To see if the town will refund to Rufus Cowles the amount paid by him from over taxation for the years of 1878 and 1879.

ART. 14.—To take action in relation to the support of the Poor of the town, including the purchase or lease of a farm, and making the necessary appropriation.

ART. 15.—To take action in relation to a decree issued by the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire, on the 2d day of March, 1880; whereby the New Haven & Northampton Co. were authorized and required to make certain alterations in highways and town ways in the town.

ART. 16.—To take action in relation to alterations made, and obstructions placed in highways and town ways in the town by the New Haven & Northampton Co.

ART. 17.—To take action in relation to alterations made by the Connecticut River R. R. at their railroad crossing in the town.

ART. 18.—To take action under Chapter 54, Section 1, of the Acts of 1881; The votes must be by ballots and ballots must be “Yes” or “No” in answer to the question—“Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town?”

ART. 19.—To take action in relation to procuring a water tank near the house of Luman Crafts.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In presenting our report of the schools of this town for the past year, we feel warranted in stating that an average degree of prosperity has been attained.

The number remains the same, seven; the length of time in session, thirty-six and one half weeks, except the West Brook school, which was shortened one and one half weeks on account of sickness of the teacher. Whole number of teachers employed, eleven. There was no change in teachers at the commencement of the winter term, except in the West Brook school. All have manifested an interest in their work, labored faithfully, and with good results.

The Registers show but few names of parents that have visited the schools. A teacher said to one of the Committee, "It is discouraging; it seems as though the parents cared nothing about us." Another says, "I wish the parents would come and see for themselves what we are doing, rather than depend on hearsay." Such neglect is injustice to the teacher, and *great* injustice to the children. If all that are interested would become better acquainted with the schools, they could better appreciate the teachers' labors, and co-operate with them for the best interest of the children.

While we speak of our schools as comparing favorably with previous years, we are aware that our standard is low. We have many bright and good scholars that need no urging to go ahead; but too large a number are not only dull, but lazy, and are not accomplishing what they are capable of doing. How to make an improvement in this class should be our study. From them, comes most of the absent and tardy marks, mischief and annoyances that give trouble. The old saying is yet in force: "Satan finds some mischief still for idle hands to do." For improve-

ment in this state of things, we would suggest that every scholar be made to do a reasonable amount of work every school-day, and no discharge from it without good reasons. By compulsion if it can not be done in any other way; at the same time, an effort should be made to interest and encourage the scholar to activity, by practical questioning and clear explanations, simplified and within reach of the mind taught.

The present advantages for schooling in our town are such, as to afford a good education if rightly used, and within the reach of all. Many realize this fact and are making good use of their opportunities. Five of our present corps of teachers obtained their education wholly in town, and their ability and success in teaching gives them much credit.

We have endeavored to keep the expenses within the amount of money appropriated for schools; but was obliged to shorten the winter term, for want of money, to thirteen and one-half instead of fourteen weeks, the usual length.

An exchange of Geographies was made in the fall—introducing Harper's in place of Warren's—that had been long used in our schools. The teachers all speak in praise of the new book. We have also made arrangements to introduce a new spelling-book (Swinton's) in even exchange for the old ones. We have now in the schools several kinds; some of which have been used a long time. The new book appears to be one of merit.

The wages paid have been the same to all teachers through the year; Six dollars per week including board, excepting the winter term at West Brook, which was \$6.75.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following scholars have attended school the entire year without an absent or tardy mark:—

GEORGE BARTON, CARRIE SMITH, HARRY ABELLS.

The latter has been neither absent or tardy for two years.

No. of children between the ages of 5 and 15,	305
No. reported last year,	323
No. of children who have attended school,	301
Average attendance each term, Spring, 290; Fall, 269; Win., 269	
Average attendance,	222
No. of children over 15 years of age,	5
No. of children under 5 years of age,	5

NAMES OF TEACHERS AND WHERE THEY TAUGHT.

HILL DISTRICT.

Miss Emma E. Porter,	Miss Mary Elmer,
Miss Carrie L. Warner,	Miss Eva Mattoon.

CENTER DISTRICT.

Miss Mary L. Waite,	Miss Carrie L. Warner,
Miss Anna H. Billings,	

WEST HATFIELD DISTRICT.

Miss L. H. Clapp,	Miss Carrie S. Porter.
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WEST BROOK DISTRICT.

Miss Myra E. Parsons,	Miss Anna L. Phillips.
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WEST FARMS DISTRICT.

Miss Alice L. Bartlett,	Miss Nellie A. Waite.
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Amount appropriated for schools,	\$1,500 00
“ Received from State School Fund,	181 53
“ “ from Dog Fund, 1879,	45 05
“ “ from R. M. Swift, for tuition,	15 00
“ Unexpended last year,	83 25
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	\$1,824 83
Amount expended for teachers and board,	\$1,537 75
“ “ for wood and coal,	220 50
“ “ for care of school houses,	37 80
Balance unexpended,	28 78
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	\$1,824 83

JOSEPH S. WELLS,	} School
ALFRED H. GRAVES,	
OSCAR BELDEN,	
	} Committee.

REPORTS

OF

THE SELECTMEN,

ASSESSORS, TREASURER,

AND

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF HATFIELD,

For the Year Ending March 1, 1882.

HATFIELD, MASS. :
L. H. KINGSLEY, JOB PRINTER.



SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

To the inhabitants of Hatfield:—

We are able to report the expenses of the year paid with the exception of about \$100.00 in outstanding accounts—the bills for which have not been presented.

The new plan that was adopted at the last annual meeting for repairing highways has, in our opinion, operated successfully. The contractor has, to the best of our knowledge, performed his work in a thorough and judicious manner. We have no hesitation in recommending that the same general plan be pursued the coming year. The worst defects in our roads are seen in the dry summer months, and cannot be thoroughly remedied without hardening, by drawing earth or gravel from a distance; this has not been done to a great extent, and could hardly have been expected without larger appropriations than have been made for the last few years. It may seem advisable for the town to make a special appropriation for some particular piece of road—as the road through the Hill towards Northampton.

We have repaired, to some extent, nine bridges, expending about \$180.00 on the Mill river bridge on the depot road. It will be necessary to rebuild two of the bridges on the old depot road, and remembering the difficulty we have experienced in procuring suitable lumber in the summer we have ordered bills of lumber for the two bridges.

Without something unforeseen happening the amount of the appropriations of last year need not be largely increased.

We unexpectedly found the roof of the Town Hall in a very bad condition. It seemed ruinous to leave it until another season; we therefore, without especial authority from the town, have had it slated. We have also repaired the chimneys and underpinnings. More repairs are necessary, and the building needs painting outside.

PAID OLD BILLS.

R. P. Smith, services as selectman,	\$100 00
C. B. Dickinson, " "	50 00
F. K. Porter, " "	50 00
H. S. Gere, advertising,	1 25
E. M. Martin, groceries P. Doppman,	33 12
" " " Chas. Manchester,	10 00
Dr. C. M. Barton, professional services Richard Wheeler,	14 00
" " " " Henry Wheeler,	14 00
" " " " Doppman family,	4 00
" " " " Michael Ryan,	6 00
E. M. Martin, Mdse. for schools,	1 85
D. Powers, labor on highway,	1 60
R. Billings, highway bills,	4 75
" " Mdse. for schools,	2 50
Bridgman & Childs, books and binding for Library,	67 98
" " Assessors' schedules,	2 00
R. Billings, Mdse. for schools,	5 28
Chas. Wells & Co., flour for P. Doppman,	2 50
Wm. Lyons, meat for " "	6 88
E. M. Graves, Mdse. for schools,	1 46
Delano & Hammond, Collector's deed for J. E. Doane,	3 00
Bond Bros. & Bottum, copies of deeds in "Draper" case,	8 50
O. S. Graves, highway bill,	3 65
L. H. Kingsley, printing town reports,	25 00
C. K. Morton, labor on highway,	4 00
Michael Boyle, lodging tramps,	50

 \$423 82

HIGHWAYS.

N. T. Abells, cash,	\$550 00
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BRIDGES.


Eurotas Morton, plank,	\$119 00
James Porter, lumber,	7 19
" labor,	4 65
N. T. Abells, repairing Pine bridge,	17 27
H. S. Porter, lumber for spiles and plank,	14 63
T. Graves, " " "	29 70
John E. Doane, sawing plank,	1 75
John McHugh, labor on bridge, (depot road)	16 00
Michael Boyle, " "	7 25
J. A. Cutter, " "	9 75
James Dunn, " "	1 50
H. Shumway, " "	10 50
C. K. Morton, " "	3 00
" drawing plank,	3 00
" labor,	9 50
" cash for rope, etc.,	1 71
N. T. Abells, labor, with two men,	55 60
" repairs on bridges,	63 30
" " railings,	5 50
Geo. C. Smith, lumber,	20 94
H. W. Clapp, "	3 60
Washburn & Banks, iron,	2 22
" " spikes,	3 30
Martin Kennedy, blacksmith work,	2 00
Hartley Hale, lumber,	24 57
S. S. Dwight, freight,	5 60
F. S. Reynolds, use of spile driver and work,	15 00
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	\$458 03

PAID FOR POOR.

Northampton Insane Asylum,	
Board of A. M. Richmond,	\$184 07
“ Emily Brenette,	176 13
“ F. F. Abbott,	89 32
“ “ and burial expenses,	22 79
“ and burial expenses Sarah G. Morton,	45 29
Other burial expenses,	4 50
Vermont Insane Asylum, board of Oliver Bardwell,	50 00
State Reform School, board of Albert & Penny Wheeler,	104 00
State Primary School, board of Wm. Stone and T. Moran,	55 00
Town of Northampton, support of J. Proulx and family,	25 33
Support of J. Proulx and family,	32 75
“ Michael Ryan,	61 88
L. P. Dole, board of James Shea,	100 72
H. S. Porter, board of James Powers,	14 00
Mary Wheeler, board of Alice Wheeler's child,	78 00
Anna Gotz, care of P. Doppman's family,	55 00
C. Doppman, “ “ “	63 00
M. N. Hubbard, house rent “ “	20 00
Provisions, “ “	8 24
Support of Jane Stone,	25 00
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	\$1215 02

PAID FOR SCHOOLS.

Miss Nellie Waite, teaching West Farms District,	\$216 00
Mary L. Waite, “ Center,	210 00
Carrie L. Warner, “ Hill,	210 00
Eva Mattoon, “ “	126 00
Lilla Peck, “ Center,	144 00
Carrie S. Porter, “ West Hatfield and Hill,	210 00
Anna L. Phillips, “ West Brook,	72 00
Anna H. Billings, “ Center,	66 00
Mary E. Dodge, “ West Brook,	144 00
Emily Billings, “ West Hatfield,	84 00

French & Co., coal,	39 51
J. S. Wells, coal,	45 50
A. H. Graves, drawing coal,	2 00
N. T. Abells, “	2 00
Oscar Belden, coal, 	20 31
P. L. Strong & Sons, wood,	19 50
Geo. W. Warner, wood,	8 00
E. C. Wait, wood, and sawing same,	21 75
Eurotas Morton, wood,	10 00
Geo. F. Cutter, sawing wood,	5 00
John O'Neil “	2 50
J. E. Doane, wood,	10 50
Frank Cutter, janitor,	2 00
Nicholas Burke, janitor,	4 50
H. G. Moore, cash paid for janitors,	4 55
Eddie Burke, janitor,	3 75
H. G. Moore, cash paid for janitors,	7 25
Eddie Burke, janitor,	10 50
Fred Allair, janitor,	10 50
Frank Cutter, janitor,	7 00
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	\$1718 62

REPAIRING SCHOOL HOUSES.

Michael Clancy, mason work at Center,	\$9 00
John Kiley, “ “ “	6 00
N. T. Abells, building fence and repairs on school house, West Hatfield,	130 90
Mrs. Burke, cleaning Center school house,	10 00
H. S. Hubbard, lumber for Hill school house “annex,”	26 41
A. H. Graves, “ “ “	6 85
L. P. & B. P. Dole, carpenter work on “ “	30 25
J. E. Porter, bill of A. W. Breck's, painting,	85 00
A. W. Breck, painting,	22 37
“ paint,	7 36
Dewey & Loomis, bill of A. W. Breck's,	21 94

J. S. Wells, cash paid for pumps,	15 10
S. W. Kingsley, pumps and repairs,	9 45
Geo. H. Hannum, repairing chimneys at Center,	7 50
Joseph Champagn, repairing slate roof, “	13 24
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	\$401 37

PAID STATE AID.

Mrs. U. B. Graves,	\$48 00
Elizabeth Coville,	48 00
Ruth Dennis,	68 00
Minerva Anderson,	48 00
Peter Carter,	18 00
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	\$230 00

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Bridgman & Childs, books,	\$48 75
E. F. Billings, services as Librarian,	12 50
“ catalogueing books,	5 00
C. G. Waite, wood,	4 00
Philos Doane, sawing wood,	2 00
David J. Field, one book,	1 50
L. H. Kingsley, printing catalogues and labels,	4 50
Bridgman & Childs, books,	26 85
R. M. Woods, books,	1 20
E. F. Billings, services as Librarian,	12 50
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	\$118 80

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

J. S. Wells, Assessor,	\$47 50
H. S. Hubbard, “	43 75
E. C. Waite, “	43 75
W. D. Billings, Town Clerk,	50 00
J. S. Wells, School Committee,	35 00
A. H. Graves, “ “	30 00
H. G. Moore, “ “	32 00
L. H. Kingsley, Tax Collector,	150 00
Wm. C. Dickinson, Treasurer,	50 00
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	\$482 00

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

SCHOOL HOUSE SUPPLIES AND REPAIRS.

J. S. Wells, cash paid for school books,	\$24 25
J. H. Howard, Mdse.,	4 56
W. F. Prindle, stove pipe,	1 23
A. H. Graves, cash paid for repairs,	8 25
Eames & Sprague, stoves and repairs,	56 58
A. H. Graves, supplies,	1 50
H. G. Moore, cash paid for repairs and supplies,	10 31
N. T. Abells, repairs, West Hatfield,	6 15
W. L. Smith, furniture,	19 15
E. M. Martin, Mdse.,	1 51
Mrs. Dunn, cleaning Hill school house,	5 00
Mrs. Burke, " Center "	7 50
Ginn, Heath & Co., globe,	4 00
Geo. E. Coats, stove and pipe, West Brook,	15 50
H. G. Moore, cash paid for repairs,	2 50
Joseph Champagn, repairing slate roof, West Brook,	7 97
M. H. Burke, painting and repairs,	15 45
H. G. Moore, cash paid for cleaning,	2 00
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	\$193 41

EXPENSES OF COMMITTEE ON R. R. CROSSINGS.

S. G. Hubbard, surveying and services as witness,	\$14 00
Edmund Powers, services as witness,	3 50
W. D. Billings, " "	3 10
Bond Bros. & Bottum, legal services,	37 50
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	\$58 10

REPAIRS ON TOWN HALL.

Bartlett Bros., slating,	\$188 61
Albert W. Morton, drawing slate,	3 50
C. K. Morton, " "	1 25
" labor, and cash paid for repairs,	2 50
Michael Clancy, stone work,	3 00
John Kiley, " "	2 50
W. M. Pomeroy, repairing sash and blinds,	6 72
I. R. Clarke, " " "	5 00
Jerry Brown, repairing chimneys,	11 00
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	\$224 08

MISCELLANEOUS.

C. H. Pierce, insurance,	\$37 50
Oliver Walker, “	56 00
C. K. Morton, cash paid Delano & Hammond for legal advice on claims of Rufus Cowles,	2 00
C. K. Morton, cash paid for postage,	2 75
Bridgman & Childs, blank books and stationery,	19 30
H. Shumway, express on books,	3 25
Metcalf & Co., Assessor's blanks,	6 50
L. H. Kingsley, printing,	6 00
J. S. Wells, stationery,	90
W. D. Billings, recording births, marriages and deaths,	22 60
A. M. Peck, recording deaths,	5 75
“ trimming hedge, and work in cemetery,	16 62
J. H. Howard, oil and lamp chimneys, Town Hall,	2 72
S. W. Kingsley, repairing road scraper,	7 30
N. T. Abells, painting “	1 50
“ cash paid for earth,	5 40
L. S. Crafts, water tank and care of same,	20 00
Wm. Daugherty, painting guide boards,	1 50
C. K. Morton, expenses to Monson,	3 00
“ “ Chicopee,	2 00
“ “	2 00
“ paid for team,	1 00
L. H. Kingsley, tax on town land,	2 13
Wm. C. Dickinson, stationery and postage,	2 00
E. F. Billings, services as Constable,	7 00
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	\$236 72

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. K. MORTON,	} Selectmen of Hatfield.
JAMES PORTER,	
EUROTAS MORTON,	

HATFIELD, Mass., March 8, 1882.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

WM. C. DICKINSON, TREASURER,
IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF HATFIELD.

DR.

To cash rec'd from R. Billings, Treas.,		\$1,519 37
“ “ Corporation Tax,	\$ 200 13	
“ “ National Bank Tax,	1,388 42	
“ “ Relief of Indigent Soldiers		
and Sailors,	203 00	
“ “ Dog Fund,	34 25	
“ “ School Fund,	181 02	
“ “ Burial Lots,	4 00	
“ “ E. F. Billing's Note,	17 50	
“ “ L. H. Kingsley, Coll.,	7,937 46	
	<hr/>	\$9,965 78
Cash received from Loans,		
State Treasurer, 4 per cent.	\$2,500 00	
“ “ 4 1-4 “	2,000 00	
Cash received from temporary Loans.		
State Treasurer, 3 1-2 per cent.	2,000 00	
“ “ 3 1-2 “	1,000 00	
Hampshire Savings Bank, 4 1-2 pr ct.	2,000 00	
“ “ “ 4 1-2	1,000 00	
“ “ “ 5.	700 00	
“ “ “ 5	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$11,700 00
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		\$23,185 15

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By cash paid Selectmen's orders, 1880,	\$ 772 88	
" " " 1881,	6309 97	
	<hr/>	\$7,082 85
Cash paid State Tax,	\$1,065 00	
" County Tax,	1,810 74	
" Interest on Notes,	320 02	
	<hr/>	\$3,195 76
Cash paid on Loans,		
State Treasurer,	\$2,500 00	
" "	2,000 00	
" "	1,000 00	
" "	1,000 00	
Hampshire Savings Bank,	2,000 00	
" " "	1,000 00	
" " "	700 00	
" " "	500 00	
John Pickering & Mosely,	2,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$12,700 00
Balance in Treasury,		206 54
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		\$23,185 15

In account with L. H. KINGSLEY, Collector.

DR.

To cash received,	\$7,937 46	
Orders of abatement,	60 07	
Discount on taxes,	133 55	
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By Assessor's warrant,	\$8,105 20	
Interest on taxes,	25 88	
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SUMMARY.

State Treasurer's Note, due April 9, 1882,	\$2,500 00
“ “ “ due June 1, 1882,	2,000 00
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	\$4500 00
In hands of Treasurer,	\$206 54
Due on E. F. Billing's Note,	15 91
Due from D. W. Wells, Adm'r estate of Sarah G. Morton,	45 29
Due from State and Military Aid,	210 00
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	\$477 74
Indebtedness of the town,	<hr/>
	\$4,022 26

WM. C. DICKINSON, Treasurer.

I have this day examined the books and vouchers of the Selectmen and Treasurer and found them correct.

D. W. WELLS, Auditor.

HATFIELD, Mass., March 8, 1882.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

In accordance with the vote of the town, your Assessors present the following report of their doings for the year 1881.

By vote of the town, and warrants issued by the Treasurer of the State and the Clerk of the County, we were instructed to assess upon the polls and estates of the town the following sums less the Corporation and Bank Tax.—Estimated to be \$1,600.

Town Grant,	\$6,585 00
State Tax,	1,065 00
County Tax,	1,810 74
Overlayings,	244 46
	<hr/> 9,705 20
Less Corpora'n and Bank Tax,	1,600 00
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We find the value of real estate to be \$757,542.00; value of personal estate, \$279,204.16. Total valuation, May 1, 1881, \$1,036,746.16.

Number of polls, 373; No. of acres of land, 9,114; No. of dwelling houses, 298; No. of horses, 338; No. of cows, 668.

Money at interest, \$61,993; Money on hand, \$1,767; Public Stocks, \$8000; Stocks in Corporations out of State, \$23,250; Rate of tax per \$1000, \$7.10.

No. of children between 5 and 15 years of age, 329.

The tax as assessed was placed in the hands of L. H. Kingsley, Collector, with a warrant to collect the same, and pay it to the Treasurer of the town. A warrant was also issued by us to Wm. C. Dickinson, Treasurer, instructing him to collect from L. H. Kingsley, Collector, the sum of \$8,105.20.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. WELLS,	}	Assessors of Hatfield.
H. S. HUBBARD,		
E. C. WAIT.		

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1881.

Highways and Bridges,	\$1,000 00
Poor,	1,200 00
Schools,	1,500 00
Repairing School Houses,	400 00
Contingent Expenses,	500 00
Town Officers,	600 00
Interest,	220 00
Town Debt,	1000 00
Public Library,	150 00
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	\$6,570 00

LIST OF JURORS REPORTED BY THE SELECTMEN.

Moses W. Kingsley,	Charles E. Hubbard,
Lewis S. Dyer,	Oscar Belden,
Daniel W. Wells,	Wm. H. Belden,
Chas. K. Morton,	Daniel A. Vining,
Edwin Brainerd,	Champion B. Dickinson,
J. H. Howard,	Amariah E. Strong,
Levi L. Pease,	Alpheus Cowles,
Eurotas Morton,	Elisha Hubbard,
Jacob Carl,	E. Seward Warner,
James Porter,	Dwight P. Morton,
F. H. Bardwell,	F. D. Billings,
Henry S. Porter.	

ARTICLES IN THE WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING,
MARCH 20, 1882.

- ARTICLE 1.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- ART. 2.—To choose all necessary town officers for the coming year, including one person for member of the School Committee for three years.
- ART. 3.—To choose an Elector under the will of the late Oliver Smith, Esq.
- ART. 4.—To revise and accept the list of Jurors as submitted by the Selectmen.
- ART. 5.—To hear the reports of the Selectmen, Assessors, Treasurer and School Committee, and act thereon.
- ART. 6.—To receive and pass on town accounts.
- ART. 7.—To take action in relation to raising money to defray the necessary expenses of the town for the ensuing year.
- ART. 8.—To see what method the town will adopt for the maintenance and repairs of Highways and Bridges the ensuing year.
- ART. 9.—To see what action the town will take in relation to the prompt payment of taxes the coming year.
- ART. 10.—To see if the town will raise money to pay the outstanding debts of the town.
- ART. 11.—To see if the town will make an appropriation for the Public Library and choose a Committee for the same.
- ART. 12.—To see if the town will by its vote or otherwise, ask the Legislature to extend to women who are citizens, the right to hold town offices, and to vote in town affairs on the same terms as male citizens.
- ART. 13.—To take action in relation to the support of the poor of the town, including the purchase or lease of a farm, and making the necessary appropriation for the same.

ART. 14.—To take action in relation to the railroad crossings in the town.

ART. 15.—To see if the town will build gates at the cemetery at West Farms, and make an appropriation for the same.

ART. 16.—To take action under Chapter 54, Section 1, of the Acts of 1881. The votes must be by ballots and ballots must be "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question—"Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town."

ART. 17.—To see if the town will take action in relation to adopting "By-Laws."

ART. 18.—To see if the town will grant to Samuel D. Partridge lot No. 34, in the cemetery near the church; he having paid the Treasurer of the town the sum raised by vote of the town, June 7, 1847, and take action in relation to the cemeteries of the town and make appropriations for the same.

ART. 19.—To see if the town will allow Mary D. Porter to build platform scales upon the triangular piece of land between the highways opposite C. S. Shattuck's factory.

REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Each year of service to the town as Library Committee, strengthens our convictions that a free public library is a real public good. It is a means of education; and experience has shown that no money is more wisely expended than money spent for education. In a time too, when there is so much cheap literature abroad, corrupt and demoralizing in its influence, we are grateful that in our community the young have reading placed within their reach, which is instructive to the mind and healthy to the moral nature.

Our library does not afford all the advantages of larger institutions. We believe, however, that few make better returns than ours for the amount appropriated for their support.

The running expenses are comparatively very small. The per cent. of the appropriations spent in buying new books is large. The free circulation of the books is hampered by no annoying rules, often necessary in larger places.

Very few books have been lost since the library was founded. The books are used. Many of them show the effects of usage. This last fact leads your Committee to make two recommendations:—

1st.—That more care be taken of the books on the part of readers. All citizens are interested in the careful treatment of public property.

2nd.—That as before, the town make an extra appropriation to rebind old books, and make them once more serviceable.

We append a list of the books purchased the past year.

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| A Wife's Tragedy, | Dr. Breen's Practice, |
| Friends, | Faith and Unfaith, |
| Rosecroft, | The Two Cabin Boys, |
| The True Nobility, | Cyclopædia of Commercial An- |
| A Changed Heart, | ecdotes, 2 vols. |
| Happy-Go-Lucky, | Homoselle, |
| Lenox Dare, | Rose Mary and Rue, |
| A Fearful Responsibility, | The Forger and Detective, |
| Anecdotes of Public Men, 2 vols. | John Eax, |
| Aunt Serena, | History of Our Own Times, 2 vol |
| Without a Home, | The Prince and the Pauper, |
| Cape Cod Folks, | Wit and Humor, |
| That Beautiful Wretch, | Capture of a Locomotive, A his- |
| Sunrise, | tory of the secret service. |
| The Letter of Credit, | Land of the Midnight Sun, 2vol |
| Madeline, | Hawthorne's Works, 12 vols. |
| Caesar, | Dryden's Poems, 2 vols. |
| The Eastern Archipelago, | Froude's Reminiscenses, |
| Young Folks' History of Russia, | Outline Study of Man, |
| The Fairport Nine, | Conflict of Christianity with |
| In the Brush, | Heathenism, |
| Young Folks' History of Boston, | Count of Monte Christo, |
| " " Greece, Chas. O'Malley, | |
| From Log Cabin to White House | Handy Andy, |
| The Pocket Rifle, | Harper's Magazine, 1881, 2 vols |
| True Blue, | Scribner's " " " |
| The Floating Light, | Atlantic " " " |
| A College Widow, | Life of Garfield. |

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The School Committee in presenting their annual report to the citizens of Hatfield, are pleased to be able to report a good degree of progress in most of the schools.

We have endeavored to secure competent teachers. All have been faithful in the discharge of their duties, and a majority have been successful; although they have been obliged to meet the discouragements of a very irregular attendance, which is the great hindrance to the progress and usefulness of our schools. There is no remedy but for the parents to unite cordially and heartily with the teachers in correcting this evil. The scholar who stays away from school, either with or without the consent of his parents or guardian, not only makes an irretrievably loss individually, but retards the whole school. Parents should esteem the matter of an education of so much importance, that they will make great sacrifices if necessary, in order that their children may secure the full benefit of the free school system.

Your Committe has endeavored to have pains taken in regard to instruction in morals and manners, realizing that the scholars of to-day are the citizens of to-morrow. There is a Statute law concerning moral instruction which we quote.

“It shall be the duty of all preceptors and teachers of academies, and of all other instructors of youth, to exert their best endeavors to impress on the minds of children and youths committed to their care and instruction, the principles of piety and justice, and a sacred regard to truths; love of their country; humanity and universal benevolence; sobriety, industry and frugality; chastity, moderation and temperance; and those virtues which are the ornaments of human society, and the basis upon which a republican constitution is founded; and it shall be the duty of such instructors to endeavor to lead their pupils, as their ages and capacities will admit, into a clear understanding of the tendency of the above mentioned virtues, and to point out to

them the evil tendency of the opposite vices."

The arrangements made and reported last year, for the exchange of spelling books, has been successfully carried out, and greatly to the advantage of the schools.

What can be done to improve our schools? Is, and should be the question asked by all interested in the intelligent education of our children. In our opinion, a Superintendent of schools would do more towards perfecting our school system than anything yet suggested. There is an objection in regard to cost. But would it not be true economy to raise a few dollars extra or shorten the school year somewhat, in order that our schools might be thoroughly and properly managed in every case?

The appropriation of \$400 raised for extra repairs, we have expended in painting the school buildings at the Center and Hill; kalsoming the school rooms at the Center, Hill, and at West Hatfield; relaying the brick floor in the basement at the Center; removing all nuisances from the basement of the Hill school house, and constructing proper buildings at some distance from the school house, and by building a fence around the play-grounds at West Hatfield. Expending in all, \$401.37. For items, we refer you to the Selectmen's report.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following scholars have attended school the entire year without being absent or tardy:—

Hattie Kingsley,	Grace Marsh,	Henry Carl,
Lida Kingsley,	Adeline Remmillard,	Delia Remmillard,
Harry Howard,	Fred Howard.	

No. of children between the ages of 5 and 15,	329
No. reported last year,	305
No. of scholars enrolled,	286
Average attendance,	177 $\frac{1}{4}$
Scholars over 15 years of age,	9
Under 5 years of age,	0

STATEMENT OF SCHOOLS, TEACHERS EMPLOYED, AND NUMBER OF SCHOLARS.

HILL DISTRICT.—Grammar.

Miss Eva V. Mattoon, 2 terms.	Miss Carrie S. Porter, 1 term.
No. of scholars enrolled,	33
Average membership,	27
“ attendance,	23 $\frac{1}{4}$
Scholars over 15,	2
Number weeks of school,	35

HILL DISTRICT.—Primary.

Miss Carrie L. Warner.

No. of scholars enrolled,	75
Average membership,	53 $\frac{1}{2}$
“ attendance,	45 $\frac{1}{2}$
No. weeks of school,	35

CENTER DISTRICT.—Grammar.

Miss Mary L. Waite.

No. of scholars enrolled,	28
Average membership,	24
“ attendance,	18 $\frac{1}{2}$
Scholars over 15 years of age,	1
No. weeks of school,	35

CENTER DISTRICT.—Primary.

Miss Anna H. Billings, 1 term.	Miss Lilla H. Peck, 2 terms.
No. of scholars enrolled,	36
Average membership,	30
“ attendance,	26
No. weeks of school,	35

WEST FARMS DISTRICT.

Miss Nellie A. Waite.

No. of scholars enrolled,	32
Average membership,	24
“ attendance,	21
Scholars over 15 years of age,	1
No. weeks of school,	36

WEST BROOK DISTRICT.

Miss A. L. Phillips, 1 term.	Miss Mary E. Dodge, 2 terms.
No. of scholars enrolled,	35
Average attendance,	17
Scholars over 15 years of age,	2
No. weeks of school,	36

WEST HATFIELD DISTRICT.

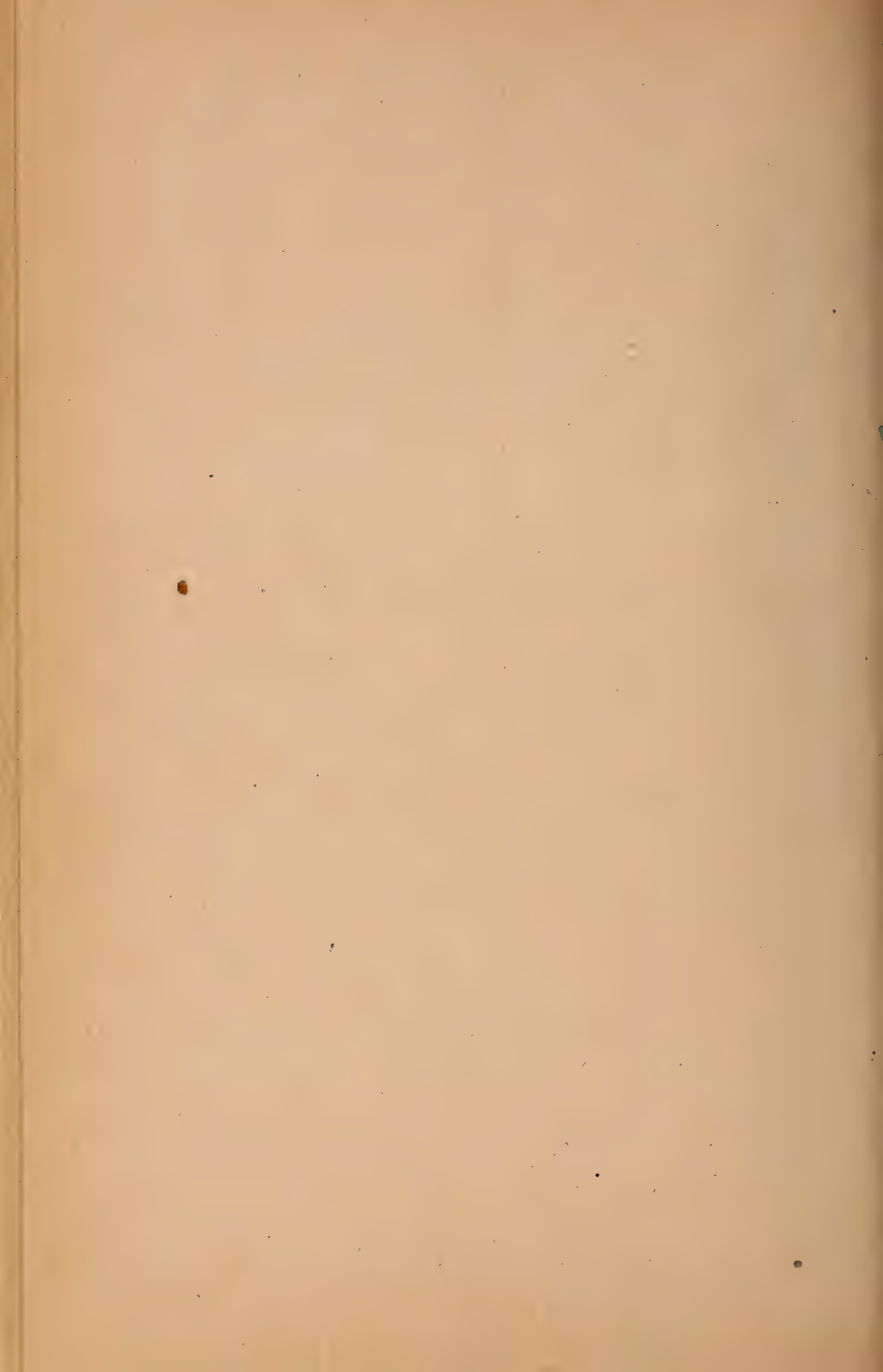
Miss Carrie S. Porter, 2 terms.	Miss Emily G. Billings, 1 term.
Number of scholars enrolled,	47
Average attendance,	27
Scholars over 15 years of age,	3
Number weeks of school,	35

The wages paid teachers was uniform throughout the town; it being six dollars, including board.

APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIPTS.

Balance unexpended last year,	\$ 28 78
Appropriated by the town,	1,500 00
Received from Mass. State School Fund,	181 02
“ “ Dog Fund,	34 25
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	\$1,744 05
Amount expended for teachers and board,	\$1,482 00
“ “ wood and coal,	186 57
“ “ care school houses,	50 05
Balance unexpended,	25 43
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	\$1,744 05

J. S. WELLS,	}	School Committee.
A. H. GRAVES,		
H. G. MOORE.		



ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
Selectmen, Treasurer, Collector,
SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
AND
LIBRARY COMMITTEE,
OF THE
Town of Hatfield,
For the Year Ending March 1st, 1883.



NORTHAMPTON, MASS. :
STEAM PRESS OF GAZETTE PRINTING COMPANY.
1883.

Selectmen's Report.

To the Inhabitants of Hatfield:

We have been unable to limit the expenditures to quite the amounts named in all the appropriations, owing to causes that were not anticipated at the beginning of the year.

The greatest excess is in the support of poor. We received notice from the town of Dalton in the case of Joseph Bolack's family. Deserted by him, they had been supported by that town for more than a year. We only acknowledged the settlement after thorough investigation of the records of the towns where the family had formerly lived, and by the advice of legal counsel. The woman has since died and her family have secured places for the three children. Mitchel Graves whom we have supported for the last year (a new case), has died, also, Emily Brenette an insane pauper.

We thought that Doppman's family would require but little assistance the present year, but in the fall six of the family were sick with typhoid fever. The two girls died, the elder had been of considerable assistance in the care of the house, the mother being bed-ridden.

We are now expending at the rate of less than one thousand dollars a year for poor.

The ferry was thrown upon the two towns, Hatfield and Hadley at the beginning of the season. We have newly equipped the ferry and now have opportunities to sell the boats and wire for nearly their cost. The towns will probably be at no further expense. The change of location of the ferry road, and other causes will make the ferry self-supporting.

In the matter of permanent repairs of highways, we put upon the Northampton road more than fifteen hundred loads of gravel and hard pan, at a cost of \$557.00. We found that it was useless to spread the earth any less than six or eight inches in depth, and that the road could be completed at that time cheaper than to take it up again. We bought an acre of land for \$100.00, of the New Haven and Northampton Co. We have not accepted the deed and paid for the land on account of the delay of the company in putting up line stones. They will do so very soon.

We unexpectedly found Pine Bridge in a dangerous condition, too far gone for repairs. We have built a substantial bridge at a reasonable price, considering the difficulty of finding and procuring suitable lumber at that season of the year.

It will probably be necessary to rebuild the north abutment of Mill bridge, as it is gradually working over at the top. One section of the bridge will have to be built new, and the whole bridge seems to be decayed. Mr. E. C. Davis has made estimates for iron bridges, also for the stone work. He estimates the stone work at \$792.00. One kind of bridge, the kind most in use in this vicinity, "The Truss," \$1,682.92, complete. The other kind a "plate girder," similar to those on the New Haven & Northampton railroad crossings, \$2,119.45. We estimate the cost of a wooden bridge similar to the present one, \$600.00.

Through the kind instrumentality of Hon. A. Norcross, M. C. Congress has by special Act, donated to the town of Hatfield, four howitzers for "monumental purposes."

It seems to us that by their use, a soldiers' monument can be built at a comparatively small expense, thus appropriately commemorating the names of the Soldiers and Sailors of this town who died in the War of the Rebellion. In accordance with our duty, and a strong vote of instruction by the voters of this town, we have entered complaints and secured the conviction of five persons for the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors. We have been at no expense for detectives or evidence. We have paid our Counsel \$42.00, which sum taken from the \$75.00, received for the one license, issued by us (since surrendered) leaves a balance of \$33.00, on this account.

Our expenditures are as follows :

OLD BILLS.

A. Allair, drawing slate,	\$1 50
M. N. Hubbard, house rent P. Doppman,	16 66
E. S. Warner, notifying town officers,	3 50
Chas. K. Morton, services as Selectman,	100 00
James Porter, " "	50 00
Eurotas Morton, " "	58 00
L. P. Dole, board James Shea,	55 72
Moses Warner, posts,	2 88
Vermont Insane Asylum, board and burial expenses Oliver Bardwell,	99 00
Dr. C. M. Barton, med. attendance poor,	32 06
L. H. Kingsley, printing town reports,	28 00
H. S. Gere, advertising,	1 00
Wm. Lyons, butcher's bill M. Ryan,	6 62
City of Holyoke, support of Jane Stone,	4 00
T. Baggs, lodging tramps,	1 50
Eurotas Morton, cash paid for snowing road, West Brook,	18 25
N. T. Abels, snowing road West Brook,	1 00
Bridgman and Childs, books for pub. library,	30 92

 \$510 61

PAID FOR SCHOOLS.

Martha D. Gardner, teaching,	\$210 00
Carrie Warner, "	210 00
Carrie Porter, "	210 00
Emily G. Billings, "	210 00
Nellie A. Waite, "	126 00
Myra C. Parsons, "	126 00
Eunice J. Morton, "	144 00
Maggie E. Robbins, "	84 00
Eleanor H. Kirk, "	84 00
Mary L. Waite, "	66 00
French & Co., coal,	21 58
Mrs. L. W. Clark, coal,	71 38
H. G. Moore, cash for coal,	32 07
Dr. C. M. Barton, "	41 51

A. W. Morton drawing coal,	\$3 25
M. P. Bradford, wood,	10 60
Eurotas Morton, “	20 00
John E. Doane, “	3 13
Chas. E. Hubbard, “	3 50
Philos Doane, sawing wood,	3 33
Frank Cutler, “ “	2 00
A. H. Graves, cash for sawing wood,	1 50
H. G. Moore, “ “ “	6 50
“ “ “ “ janitors,	22 80
Willie Hubbard, janitor,	7 00
John Burke Jr., “	5 25
Francis Remillard, “	6 75
Joseph Marsh, maps and books,	19 02
H. G. Moore, cash paid to janitor,	5 00

\$1,756 17

PAID FOR POOR.

J. H. Howard, goods and gro. for M. Ryan,	\$71 00
A. M. Peck, milk “ “	11 76
Wm. Lyons, butcher's bill, “ “	11 69
H. Shumway, drawing wood,	1 50
Mrs. Mary McAlpine, board, services as nurse and burial ex. Joseph Bolack's wife,	78 00
Town of Dalton, sup. “ “ family,	240 14
A. M. Peck, serv. as sexton, O. Bardwell,	4 50
Mary Wheeler, board Alice Wheeler's child,	72 00
Town of Granby, support of J. Proulx family,	71 35
“ “ “ “ Jos. Martin's children,	9 70
Anna Gotz, care of P. Doppman's family,	20 00
Chas. T. Parsons, for procuring woman,	10 00
Chas. K. Morton, cash paid “	7 00
Anna Doppman, washing,	9 00
“ “ care,	52 50
Mrs. John Smith, care,	2 25
Joseph Smith, drawing coal,	2 50
Mary Wheeler, washing,	4 50
J. H. Howard, groceries,	45 66

Kimball & Cary, coal,	\$14 20
Henry Hartung, cash for team, etc.,	2 25
Wm. Lyons, butcher's bill,	15 35
M. N. Hubbard, house rent,	22 78
Clark & Parsons, truss,	4 00
J. H. Howard, groceries,	6 22
P. Doppman, for support cash,	50 00
“ “ “ “ “	15 00
Mary Beaugard, board of M. Graves and family,	152 54
Cutler, Plympton & Co., groceries,	12 60
L. P. Dole, board James Shea,	156 42
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, board of	
Allen M. Richmond,	186 77
Board of Emily Brenette,	180 27
Patrick Russell, support,	55 83
A. M. Peck, services as sexton,	5 00
State Reform School, board of Albert and	
Penny Wheeler,	47 57

\$1,651 85

HIGHWAYS.

N. T. Abells, labor,	\$550 00
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EXTRA EXPENSES.

Peter Balize, digging ditch,	1 50
Michael Boyle, “ “ and drawing stone,	10 75
Michael O'Dea, “ “ “ “	8 25
Horace Waite, building fence,	5 78
N. T. Abells, labor new ferry road,	7 50
“ “ cash paid for earth,	5 55

\$39 33

NORTHAMPTON ROAD—PERMANENT REPAIRS.

Hosea Wheeler, for labor,	\$2 62
Wm. Boyle, “ “	10 50

Frank Newman, for labor,	\$10 50
John Chandler, " "	10 50
John Kiley & Son, "	17 63
Robert McGrath, "	10 50
Lewis Murray, Jr., "	10 50
Thomas Buckley, "	10 50
Joseph Schepp, "	10 50
Walter Langdon, " with team,	28 00
N. Powers, and Thos. Nolan labor with team,	28 75
Michael O'Dea & Son, labor,	21 00
Daniel Doolan, "	4 50
John Burke, "	9 00
Joseph Gowash, labor,	6 00
John McGrath, "	1 50
John O'Neil, "	6 00
John B. Ryan, " with team,	20 12
Edward Sheehan, "	9 00
Chas. E. Kingsley, "	6 00
Peter Saffa, " " "	24 38
John Holdfedder, "	4 50
John T. Fitch, labor with team.	22 50
H. S. Porter, " " "	40 75
J. D. Porter, " " "	3 50
James Porter, " " "	3 50
Chas. K. Morton, " " "	10 50
H. S. Hubbard, " " "	20 13
Elisha Hubbard, " " "	23 63
Jacob Carl, " " "	21 00
Frederick Carl, " " "	17 50
M. E. Warner, " " "	35 50
E. S. Warner, " " "	6 13
Lewis Raboin, " " "	7 00
Wm. M. Jones, " " "	14 00
Horace Shumway, " " "	42 00
John McHugh, " " "	14 25
M. LaMountain, "	3 00
M. P. Bradford, " " "	10 50

STATE AID.

Mrs. Coville,	\$48 00
Peter Cartier,	18 00
Mrs. Graves,	48 00
Mrs. Anderson,	44 00
Mrs. Dennis,	36 00

\$194 00

BRIDGES.

J. H. Howard, spikes,	\$ 90
P. Doppman, labor,	6 00
N. T. Abells, railings,	5 50
John Steele, labor,	5 25
Frank Saffa, “	7 50
John Batzold, “	7 50
James Orman, “	6 00
Geo. Vollenger, labor,	6 75
James Mullins, “	8 00
Robert McGrath, “	6 00
Daniel Garvey, “	6 00
Peter Saffa, “	21 25
Frank I. Washburn, nails and spikes,	10 23
N. T. Abells, labor,	43 50
Henry Dwight, “	75
H. G. Moore, lumber,	68 14
C. W. White, labor,	6 75
Chas. K. Morton, lumber and nails,	2 00
Dexter Jones, labor,	6 00
John Kiley, “	2 40
Eurotas Morton, plank and posts,	112 42
N. T. Abells, “	23 50
“ “ drawing “	7 00
“ “ plank and labor,	16 00
H. W. Clapp, lumber,	2 56
Day Bros., “	3 20

\$391 10

PINE BRIDGE.

Levi W. Smith, labor and materials,	\$14 70
Geo. Saffa, “	8 25
John Steele, “	9 75
Frank Saffa, “	8 25
John Batzold, “	1 50
Peter Balize, “	7 50
P. Doppman, “	5 00
Geo. Vollenger, “	9 75
John O’Neil, “	4 50
C. R. R. Co., freight on lumber,	7 00
Theodore Childs, lumber,	64 88
James Mullins, labor,	9 00
John B. Ryan, “	4 50
Peter Saffa, “	3 50
N. T. Abells, “	58 00
John McHugh,	7 50
George Bitner,	1 00
Wm. H. & Wm. C. Dickinson, lumber,	64 68

\$289 26

SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS AND SUPPLIES.

Mrs. Dunn, cleaning,	\$2 10
J. H. Howard, mds.,	1 32
H. A. Wright, shingles,	20 63
H. G. Moore, cash paid for sup. and repairs,	14 50
J. H. Howard, brooms,	1 00
M. H. Burke, painting,	191 79
A. H. Graves, cash paid for grading,	20 25
C. W. White, repairs,	7 50
Eames & Sprague, repairing stoves,	12 14
J. A. Cutter, shingling,	9 50
Dexter Jones, labor and repairs,	5 25
L. S. Crafts, repairs,	7 59
N. T. Abells, cash, labor and repairs,	6 97

\$300 54

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Bridgman & Childs, books,	\$65 48
Springfield Printing Co., "	13 50
" " " repairing books,	115 38
E. F. Billings, salary as librarian,	25 00
Roswell Billings, cuspidor,	1 25
J. H. Howard, oil,	2 19
L. H. Kingsley, printing,	1 00
D. W. Wells, cash paid for cleaning room,	1 50

\$225 30

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

E. F. Billings, Constable,	\$17 00
H. S. Hubbard, Assessor,	50 00
H. G. Moore, "	50 00
J. S. Wells, "	40 00
H. G. Moore, School Committee,	35 00
Wm. D. Billings, Town Clerk,	50 00
Thomas J. Ryan, Constable,	2 00

\$244 00

FERRY ACCOUNT.

Geo. W. Prentiss, wire,	\$42 00
Peter Cartier, boat,	9 00
G. M. Smith, one half cost of boat,	164 40
L. S. Bliss, use of old boat,	40 00

\$255 40

Recieved from Town of Hadley for over pay,	36 60
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One-half total expense, \$218 80

REPAIRS OF TOWN HALL.

J. T. Hannum, plastering,	\$4 20
Geo. H. Walker, paints and oils,	50 75
Mrs. John Burke, cleaning,	5 25
Mrs. Michael O'Dea, "	5 25
M. H. Burke, furnishing and repairing blinds,	
paint, glass and labor,	107 68

\$173 13

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT.

Joseph Schepp, earth to fill hole on land of	
Anthony Gilbert,	\$2 50
N. T. Abells, filling same,	7 00
Oliver Walker, desk,	7 00
D. F. Coglin, iron for road scraper,	9 69
Chas. K. Morton, postage,	3 00
" " expenses to Brattleboro,	6 00
" " car fares and expenses,	24 26
H. Shumway, express on books for town clerk,	7 45
Wm. Daugherty, painting hearse,	8 50
Charles E. Clapp, jack screws,	7 50
A. M. Peck, patching roof of hearse house, and	
labor in cemetery,	6 00
J. S. Wells, stationery,	1 00
E. Wright, team and repairing fire ladders,	2 65
Delano & Hammond, legal services in	
pauper case,	9 00
Delano & Hammond, legal services in	
liquor cases,	42 00
S. S. Dwight, freight on howitzers,	31 20
N. T. Abells, drawing	3 89
Bridgman & Childs, stationery,	1 25
" " public statutes and tax book,	5 00
Mitchel Proulx, damage ferry road,	15 00
N. T. Abells, cash paid for repairing tools,	2 10
L. H. Kingsley, order book and tax bills,	6 25
L. S. Crafts, care of water trough,	5 00
A. M. Peck, recording deaths,	5 25
C. D. Bardwell, labor and care of town hall,	10 00
Wm. C. Dickinson, stationery,	2 00
Wm. D. Billings, recording births, marriages	
and deaths,	18 65
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	\$249 14

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. K. MORTON.	} <i>Selectmen</i>
RICHARD P. SMITH,	
EUROTAS MORTON,	
	} <i>of</i>
	} <i>Hatfield.</i>

HATFIELD, March 3, 1883.

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen of Hatfield for the year ending March 1, 1883, and I have found them correct with proper vouchers on file for all warrants drawn, amounting to seven thousand three hundred and eighty seven dollars and seventy two cents (\$7,387.72),

DANIEL W. WELLS, *Auditor.*

HATFIELD, March 3, 1883.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1882.

Schools,	\$1,500 00
Poor,	1,000 00
Repairs of school houses,	200 00
Town officers,	600 00
Highways,	1,000 00
Interest,	220 00
Repairs Town Hall,	150 00
Town debt,	1,000 00
Bridges,	500 00
Contingences,	500 00
Gate cemetery, West Farms,	30 00
Public Library,	225 00

LIST OF JURORS REPORTED BY THE SELECTMEN.

Moses W. Kingsley,	Wm. H. Belden,
Lewis S. Dyer,	Champion B. Dickinson,
Daniel W. Wells,	Alpheus Cowles,
Chas. K. Morton,	Elisha Hubbard,
Samuel P. Billings,	E. Seward Warner,
J. H. Howard,	Patrick Mullarney,
Levi L. Pease,	Thomas P. Nolan,
Michael Larkin,	John E. Doane,
Jacob Carl,	J. A. Cutter,
Chas. E. Hubbard,	F. D. Billings,
Oscar Belden,	Geo. A. Billings,
Henry S. Porter.	

ARTICLES IN THE WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING,
MARCH 19, 1883.

ARTICLE 1.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2.—To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year, including one person for a member of the School Committee for three years.

ART. 3.—To choose an Elector under the will of the late Oliver Smith, Esq.

ART. 4.—To revise and accept the list of jurors as submitted by the Selectmen.

ART. 5.—To hear the reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer and School Committee, and act thereon.

ART. 6.—To receive and pass on town accounts.

ART. 7.—To take action in relation to raising money to defray the necessary expenses for the ensuing year.

ART. 8.—To see what method the town will adopt for the maintenance and repairs of Highways and Bridges the ensuing year.

ART. 9.—To see what action the town will take in relation to the prompt payment of taxes the coming year.

ART. 10.—To see if the town will raise money to pay the outstanding debts of the town.

ART. 11.—To see if the town will make an appropriation for the Public Library, and choose a Committee for the same.

ART. 12.—To see if the town will by its vote or otherwise, ask the Legislature to extend to women who are citizens, the right to hold town offices, and to vote in town affairs on the same terms as male citizens.

ART. 13.—To take action in relation to the support of the poor of the town.

ART. 14.—To hear the reports of the several Committees of the town and act thereon.

ART. 15.—To see if the town will build gates at the cemetery at West Farms, and make an appropriation for the same.

ART. 16.—To take action under chap. 100, section 5, of the Public Statutes. The vote must be by separate ballots, yes or no, in answer to the question, “shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?”

ART. 17.—To see if the town will take action in relation to adopting by-laws.

ART. 18.—To see if the town will take action in relation to relocating the highways of the town, and make an appropriation for the same.

ART. 19.—To see if the town will take action in relation to the better preservation of the town records.

ART. 20.—To see if the town will take action in relation to building a soldier's monument, and make an appropriation for the same.

ART. 21.—To see if the town will make an appropriation toward the expenses of decorating soldier's graves.

ART. 22.—To see if the town will purchase a refrigerator for the preservation of dead bodies.

ART. 23.—To see if the town will by its vote, change the manner of calling Town Meetings.

ART. 24.—To take action in relation to encroachments on the highways of the town.

ART. 25.—To see if the town will petition the board of County Commissioners to lay out a new highway from a point opposite John B. Ryan's homestead, to the old Deerfield road.

ART. 26.—To see if the town will make an appropriation to build the new ferry road to be ordered by the County Commissioners.

ART. 27.—To see if the town will take action in relation to a petition of the Selectmen, for the repeal of Section 2, of Chapter 274, of the Acts of 1882. This being an Act concerning the transportation of logs upon the Conn. River.

Treasurer's Report.

W. C. DICKINSON, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
TOWN OF HATFIELD.

Dr.

Balance in Treasury, March 8, 1882,		\$206 54
To cash rec'd from Corporation Tax,	\$ 229 59	
National Bank Tax,	1,538 51	
State Aid,	210 00	
L. S. Bliss, license,	100 00	
Dog Fund,	48 87	
Income School Fund,	232 81	
Town of Hadley, over pay ferry account,	36 61	
D. W. Wells, administra- tor est. Sarah G. Morton,	45 29	
Sale of school books,	21 35	
Tuition Northampton scholars,	33 00	
Tuition Whately scholars,	5 00	
James Porter, for earth,	2 00	
N. T. Abells, for old plank,	4 32	
C. L. Graves, Collector,	8,141 58	
	<hr/>	\$10,648 93

TO CASH RECEIVED FROM LOANS.

State Treasurer, 4 per cent.,	\$2,000 00	
“ “ “ “	1,500 00	
Hampshire Savings Bank, 5 per cent.,	500 00	
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CASH RECEIVED FROM TEMPORARY LOANS.

State Treasurer, 4 per cent.,	\$2,500 00	
“ “ 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ “	1,000 00	
Hampshire Savings Bank, 5 per cent.,	1,000 00	
“ “ “ “ “	1,000 00	
“ “ “ “ “	1,000 00	
Hampshire Co. Nat'l Bank, 5 per cent.,	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$7,000 00
Balance due the Treasurer,		461 02
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		\$22,316 49

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By cash paid Selectmen's Orders,		\$7,336 30
State Tax,	\$1,420 00	
County Tax,	1,810 74	
Interest on Notes,	249 45	
	<hr/>	\$3,480 19

CASH PAID ON LOANS.

State Treasurer,	\$2,500 00	
“ “	2,500 00	
“ “	2,000 00	
“ “	1,000 00	
Hampshire Savings Bank,	1,000 00	
“ “ “	1,000 00	
“ “ “	500 00	
“ “ “	500 00	
Hampshire County National Bank,	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$11,500 00
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		\$22,316 49

IN ACCOUNT WITH C. L. GRAVES, COLLECTOR.

Dr.

To Cash received,	\$8,141 58	
Orders of abatement,	23 82	
Discount on Taxes,	126 25	
	<hr/>	\$8,291 65
Balance in hands of Collector,		373 25
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		\$8,664 90

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By Assessor's Warrant,	\$8,636 46
Interest on Taxes,	28 44
	<hr/> \$8,664 90

SUMMARY.

State Treasurer's Note, due April 7, 1883,	\$1,500 00
" " " due June 1, 1883,	2,000 00
Hampshire Savings Bank Note,	500 00
	<hr/> \$4,000 00

Due State Treasurer on license account,	\$ 25 00	
Outstanding orders,	51 42	
Due the Treasurer,	461 02	
	<hr/>	\$537 44

	\$4,537 44
Due on E. F. Billings' Note, March 5, 1883,	16 85
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Indebtedness of the town,	\$4,520 59

WM. C. DICKINSON, *Treasurer.*

I have examined the books and accounts of the Treasurer of the Town of Hatfield and find them correct, and there is due the Treasurer from the Town of Hatfield the sum of four hundred sixty-one dollars and two cents (\$461.02).

DANIEL W. WELLS, *Auditor.*

HATFIELD, March 5, 1883.

Report of School Committee.

The swiftly gliding years are calling again for the school report. What shall it be?

We believe that during the last year much honest work has been done in our schools by teachers and pupils. That the highest good of the children has been the aim of parents and instructors, and that had there been a better understanding between them, this object would oftener have been obtained. Believing this, we cannot refrain from a word to the parents. The teachers are your assistants in training your children, that they may make useful men and women. Let it be your duty to know what they are doing, not only from the lips of your child, but by personal knowledge of the teacher, and observations of her school.

During the year, several of our teachers have fallen from the ranks, and in each case to our regret. We are convinced that the services of an experienced teacher are worth more than those of a beginner, and if worth more why do we not pay more? It seems to us that the custom of the town in paying all our teachers the same price, no matter what their age and experience, and irrespective of the number of their pupils is hurtful and unjust. Again, that no higher wages are paid for our winter than our summer schools. The time of the year when the attendance is the largest, and usually the greatest regularity secured. As a town, we cannot afford to have that term a failure. Year after year it has proved so in first one, then another of our schools; simply because the Committee have not had at their disposal means adequate to purchase the services of those who could ren-

der them otherwise. We would recommend that the Committee be authorized to make such changes in this respect as seem to them best, and that a somewhat larger sum be placed at their disposal for this purpose.

It seemed best that in arithmetic, the text book should be changed, and after careful consideration, Franklin's was accepted. We think them well adapted to our needs, but that in nearly every case too little attention has been given to the Elementary book, that the pupils would advance much more thoroughly and satisfactorily in the higher book, could they be persuaded to spend their time to first master the lower. The reading books have been used until many a child knows them by heart, so that they fail to reap the advantages desired from the lesson. Improvements are constantly being made in those publications, and taking these considerations into view, we would advise a change of reading books the coming year.

The appropriation of \$200, raised for extra repairs, we have expended in painting the school buildings at North Hatfield, West Brook and West Hatfield. Kalsomining the school rooms at North Hatfield, West Brook, and repairing the blinds and shingling the school-house at West Hatfield. Expending in all \$221.91. For items, we refer you to the Selectmen's report.

STATEMENT OF SCHOOLS, TEACHERS EMPLOYED, AND NUMBER OF SCHOLARS.

HILL DISTRICT—GRAMMAR.

Miss Carrie S. Porter, 5 terms.

No. of scholars enrolled,	34
Average membership,	29½
Average attendance,	25¼
No. of scholars over 15 years of age,	2
No. weeks of school,	35

HILL DISTRICT—PRIMARY.

Miss Emily G. Billings, 3 terms.

No. of scholars enrolled,	63
Average membership,	46
Average attendance,	40
No. weeks of school,	35

CENTER DISTRICT—GRAMMAR.

Miss Mary L. Waite, 1 term.	Miss Eunice J. Morton, 2 terms.
No. of scholars enrolled,	32
Average membership,	21½
Average attendance,	19¾
No. weeks of school,	35

CENTER DISTRICT—PRIMARY.

Miss Carrie L. Warner, 3 terms.

No. of scholars enrolled,	40
Average membership,	35
Average attendance,	30
No. weeks of school,	35

WEST FARMS DISTRICT.

Miss Nellie A. Waite, 2 terms. Miss Maggie E. Robbins, 1 term.

No. of scholars enrolled,	21
Average membership,	18½
Average attendance,	17 3-10
No. weeks of school,	35

WEST BROOK DISTRICT.

Miss Martha Gardner, 3 terms.

No. of scholars enrolled,	30
Average membership,	24⅔
Average attendance,	21¾
No. weeks of school,	35

WEST HATFIELD DISTRICT.

Miss Myra E. Parsons, 2 terms. Eleanor H. Kirk, 1 term.

No. of scholars enrolled,	57
Average membership,	41⅔
Average attendance,	39
No. weeks of school,	35

The wages paid teachers were uniform, it being six dollars per week, including board.

APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIPTS.

Balance unexpended last year,	\$ 25 43	
Appropriated by the town,	1,500 00	
Rec'd from Mass. State School Fund,	232 81	
“ “ Dog Fund,	48 87	
“ “ Norhampton for tuition,	33 00	
	—————	\$1,840 11

Amt. expended for teachers and board,	\$1,470 00	
“ “ “ wood and coal,	220 35	
“ “ “ care of school houses,	41 80	
“ “ “ maps and books,	19 05	
Balance unexpended,	88 91	
	—————	\$1,840 11

On account of the sickness of the Chairman of the Committee, some bills properly belonging to this account have not been presented. These bills would considerably reduce the unexpended balance,

No. of children between 5 and 15,	299
No. of pupils enrolled,	278
No. of scholars between 5 and 15,	299
No. of scholars between 8 and 14,	184
Average attendance,	193 1-20
No. of scholars over 15 years of age,	2
Under 5 years of age,	0

H. G. MOORE,	}	<i>School Committee.</i>
C. M. BARTON,		

Report of Library Committee.

The town, at its last annual meeting, appropriated \$225 for the purposes of the Public Library. We have expended the money as follows :

Paid for rebinding and repairing books,	\$115 38
new books,	78 98
E. F. Billings, services as librarian,	25 00
Incidental expenses,	5 94
Total,	<hr/> \$225 30

The Committee, believing that the money expended for Library purposes is as productive of good results as any that the town appropriates, would recommend an appropriation of \$200 for the Public Library the coming year.

The following is a list of books purchased the last year :

A Reverend Idol.

From Hand to Hand.

Pride and Passion.

History of the United States. 6 Vols.

From the Lakes of Killarney to the Golden Horn.

Spain and the Spaniards.

Morocco, its People and Places.

Holland and its People.

Constantinople.

Henry W. Longfellow.

Experiences of a Barrister.

Camp on the Rockies.
 The African Crusoes.
 Voyages and Adventures of Marco Polo.
 Voyages and Adventures of Vasco de Gama.
 Adventures and Conquests of Magellen.
 Adventures and Conquests of Pizarro.
 Exploits and Voyages of Raleigh.
 Wild Man of the West.
 Gascoine, the Sandal Wood Trader.
 Shifting Winds.
 Gorilla Hunters.
 Three Months Rustication.
 Politics for Young Americans.
 Blessed Saint Certainty.
 The Bridal March.
 Dorothea.
 Aschenbroedel.
 Anne.
 The Marquis of Cærabas.
 An English Daisy Miller.
 A Daughter of Heth.
 Adventures of a Phaeton.
 Green Pastures and Piccadilly.
 Monarch of Mincing Lane.
 Warlock O'Glen Wallock.
 Bits from Blink Bonny.
 An Egyptian Princess. 2 Vols.
 The Desmond Hundred.
 Mary Annerly.
 Green Mountain Boys.
 The Sword of Damocles.
 Only a Girl.
 Hulda.
 Why did He Not Die ?
 Servia.
 Young Folks History of the War.
 A Family Flight.
 The Flowers of the Sky.
 Pleasant Ways in Science.
 Our Place among Infinities.

The Expanse of Heaven.

Conflict of Christianity with Heathenism.

Dr. Grimshaw's Secret.

Dr. Zay.

Our Saints.

Her Object in Life.

George at the Wheel.

Poganuc People.

Off to the Wilds.

A Transplanted Rose.

Harper's for 1882.

Scribner's for 1882.

Atlantic for 1882.

A Doubting Heart.

For the Committee.

F. D. BILLINGS,

HATFIELD, March, 1883.

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
SELECTMEN,
Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk,
SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
AND
LIBRARY COMMITTEE,
OF
THE TOWN OF HATFIELD,
For the Year Ending March 1st, 1884.



HATFIELD, MASS.:
POWER PRESS OF L. H. KINGSLEY.
1884.

Selectmen's Report.

To the Inhabitants of Hatfield :

¶We have been able to limit our expenditures nearly to the amount of the appropriations, with the exception of the bridge account.

You will remember that we reported last year that the north abutment of Mill bridge was in an unsafe condition, and that it would be required to be rebuilt. But at the Town meeting, it was reported that the wall had been examined by an expert and pronounced safe, only needing patching near the top, and that could be done for one hundred dollars. We interviewed the "expert," intending to contract the work to him. He was willing to undertake it for four dollars a day. We employed other men and began to take down the wall, and found it built of small stones upon shelving rock. We were only surprised that it had stood so long, (about forty years.) We built a coffer dam and leveled the rock at the bottom, procured large stones and laid a new wall in cement. We know the work was thorough, and we think the cost reasonable, considering that we began expecting only to patch the old wall. The cost was a little less than seven hundred dollars. As the appropriation was only five hundred dollars for bridges, we report the deficiency.

Mill bridge we have repaired to some extent, and it will probably be safe for two or three years. The river bridge on the depot road will need to be rebuilt the coming season. We have ordered a bill of lumber for that, and for some other repairs.

The Selectmen of Hadley, with our approval, have sold the ferry boat and wire to a Hadley man, for four hundred dollars, a little more than their cost. One hundred and fifty dollars have been paid, and the balance will be paid in installments, the towns holding security on the boat. We think the relocating of the ferry has increased its value.

The Poor account is smaller than for several years, (taking out what is due from the Commonwealth,) though exceeding our estimate by about fifty dollars. There is no probability that the paupers can be supported for any less the coming year.

We have paid for the land purchased of the New Haven and Northampton Co., last year, out of the appropriation for special repairs on highways, and have distributed considerable work throughout the town.

Our expenditures, in detail, have been as follows :

OLD BILLS.

Geo. A. Wolfram, janitor,	\$6 70
Francis Remillard, "	10 50
R. P. Smith, salary Selectman,	50 00
Eurotas Morton, " "	58 00
Chas. K. Morton, " "	125 00
Dr. C. M. Barton, " School Committee,	25 00
A. H. Graves, " " "	35 00
C. L. Graves, Collector of Taxes,	100 00
Wm. C. Dickinson, Treasurer,	50 00
Wm. Ware & Co., exchanging school books,	37 42
E. C. Davis, making estimates stone work,	6 50
Gazette Printing Co., printing town reports,	37 80
Frederick Pease, labor highway,	21 00
W. L. Smith & Co., coffins poor,	21 00
James Kelly, services janitor,	10 50
P. Jubinville, sharpening drills,	1 25
C. L. Graves, tax on town land,	2 55
Dr. C. M. Barton, cash paid for school sup.	11 12
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	\$609 34

SCHOOLS.

Mary H. Warner, teaching,	\$241 00
Martha D. Gardner, “	217 00
Laura E. Sanderson, “	151 00
Carrie L. Warner, “	150 00
Eunice J. Morton, “	150 00
Miss Clough, “	66 00
Carrie S. Porter, “	66 00
Carrie M. Westover, “	31 80
Mrs. N. T. Abells, “	30 00
Nellie A. Waite, “	132 00
Julia Phelps, “	65 00
M. E. Robbins, “	66 00
Iola L. Pearl, “	84 00
Carrie Holden, “	84 00
Kimball & Cary, coal,	4 21
W. D. Clapp, “	9 72
Smith & Dwight, “	188 50
Wm. H. Belden, “ and drawing,	20 23
John E. Doane, wood,	8 50
Dr. C. M. Barton, cash for wood,	5 65
H. Shumway, drawing wood,	2 00
Philos Doane, sawing “	6 25
E. A. Briggs, “ “	5 00
Francis Remillard, janitor,	3 75
Joseph Clery, “	3 75
John Burke, Jr., “	3 00
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	\$1,794 36

POOR.

P. Doppman, cash support,	\$25 00
Mrs. Thaddeus Graves, house rent,	28 00
Mary Wheeler, board of Letty Wheeler,	78 00
N. L. Hospital, board of Emily Brenette,	19 37
“ “ “ A. M. Richmond,	183 59
“ “ “ Catherine Tobin,	107 56
Thomas Buckley, board of Barney McHugh,	61 00
Clifford Russell, “ Patrick Russell,	113 00

J. H. Howard, groceries Michael Ryan	\$72 00
R. P. Smith, wood, " "	6 25
Wm. Lyons, meat bill, " "	28 00
A. M. Peck, milk,	10 08
Chas. K. Morton, cash for Martin children,	27 21
Home for Little Wanderers, " "	50 00
D. J. Wright, groceries Jane Stone,	99 00
State of Mass., board of Penny Wheeler,	30 71
Conrad Wensell, care and damage on account of Jacob Musse,	26 00
A. M. Peck, procuring coffin and services,	6 00
W. L. Smith & Co., " "	12 00
Dr. Seymour, med. attendance,	4 00
" " Catherine Tobin,	2 00
L. P. Dole, board James Shea,	30 00
Town of Northampton, board Wm. Balor,	39 05
R. P. Smith, wood Mrs. Kennedy,	11 00
J. H. Howard, groceries " "	8 66
G. M. Smith, goods Peter Pecor,	9 50
Eurotas Morton, lodging tramps,	2 00
Michael Boyle, " "	3 00
T. Baggs,	1 00
Philos Doane, sawing wood Mrs. Kennedy,	1 75
L. S. Bliss, house rent M. Ryan,	6 00
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	\$1,100 73

HIGHWAYS.

N. T. Abells,	\$550 00
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HIGHWAYS—SPECIAL.

John McGrath, labor,	\$3 00
Wm. B. Langdon,	17 50
Lewis Murry,	7 50
Nicholas Burke,	2 50
Joseph Schepp,	6 75
New Haven & Northampton Co., land,	100 00
John Holdfeelder, labor,	6 75
John Sheehan,	7 50
Fred. Breor,	7 50

E. A. Briggs, labor,	\$6 00
John Steele,	4 50
N. T. Abells,	27 50
“ No. Hatfield,	29 00
John Fitzgibbon,	5 00
Geo. Dennis,	7 50
John B. Ryan,	23 50
John McHugh,	12 00
Frederick Carl,	10 50
Lewis Raboin,	3 50
Wm. M. Jones,	10 50
Thomas O'Hara,	3 75
Hosea Wheeler,	1 50
Daniel Garvey,	1 50
George Pfifer,	1 50
Leander Cooley,	7 00
Michael O'Dea,	3 00
Frank Cotton,	2 25
H. Shumway,	17 50
John Holdfeelder,	1 50
Eleazer Cooley,	10 00
Philip Carl,	7 00
Chas. E. Kingsley,	1 50
Michael Boyle,	2 25
Robert McGrath,	4 50
Wm. D. Dennis,	2 25
Henry Dwight,	1 50
Henry R. Graves,	10 00
Michael O'Dea,	2 25
Wm. M. Jones,	4 50
H. S. Porter,	14 00
“ earth,	14 00
N. T. Abells, line stones ferry road,	7 50
Daniel A. Vining, labor,	15 00
Wm. Carson,	3 00
David Payer,	2 00
Joseph Newman,	4 50
Eurotas Morton,	13 00

Chas. K. Morton, labor,	\$22 50	
Philip Carl,	3 50	
John Batzold,	6 00	
Wm. Boyle,	7 50	
John O'Neil,	7 50	
John Steele,	7 50	
	<hr/>	\$511 25

BRIDGES.

H. W. Clapp, lumber,	\$17 20
N. T. Abells, labor,	16 50
Mrs. Elisha Hubbard, plank,	30 44
H. W. Clapp, lumber,	44 96
John Steele, labor,	4 50
Jacob Cartier,	27 30
George Steele,	29 55
John Kiley,	17 30
N. T. Abells,	133 20
Robert Trainer,	63 40
John Batzold,	7 96
John Stotter,	21 00
James Mullins,	41 60
Frank Cotton,	27 50
E. P. Hall & Co., lumber for coffer-dam,	9 60
Town of Whately, use of derrick,	20 58
John Landy, stone and drawing,	79 50
John Powers, labor,	1 50
Joseph Kleasner,	3 75
Daniel Garvey,	2 48
Frank I. Washburn, rope and spikes,	14 92
J. A. Sullivan, cement,	46 40
John McHugh, labor,	15 23
Wm. Boyle,	3 98
Peter Saffa,	41 60
John Chandler,	1 50
John Sheehan,	11 25
N. T. Abells, labor and cash,	11 33
“ “ bridge Pantry road,	10 20

Joseph Newman, labor,	\$3 00	
John Steele,	8 76	
Chas. K. Morton, labor and lumber,	26 59	
J. H. Howard, nails,	1 00	
Michael O'Dea, labor,	7 50	
E. A. Burt,	2 00	
H. Shumway, drawing stone,	34 00	
Michael Boyle, labor,	1 50	
Wm. D. Dennis,	75	
N. Day & Bros., lumber,	6 36	
Wells W. Ayer & Co., spikes,	3 10	
N. T. Abells, drawing plank and lumber,	15 00	
“ labor bridges and railings,	56 45	
“ stone work Hill bridge,	9 00	
John E. Doane, lumber,	20 96	
Eurotas Morton, lumber and posts,	59 00	
S. W. Kingsley, iron work,	14 78	
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SALARIES.

E. F. Billings, notifying Town officers,		
copying and posting warrants,	\$18 20	
“ Assessor,	71 25	
“ “ Valuation list,	11 25	
H. S. Hubbard, Assessor,	62 00	
Henry R. Graves, “	63 75	
Wm. D. Billings, Town Clerk,	50 00	
Dr. C. M. Barton, School Committe,	50 00	
Wm. Barnes, Special Constable,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$328 45

STATE AID.

Mrs. U. B. Graves,	\$48 00	
Ruth Dennis,	56 00	
Minerva Anderson,	48 00	
Elizabeth Coville,	48 00	
Peter Cartier,	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$206 00

FERRY ROAD.

John Steele, labor,	\$1 95	
Frank Cotton,	6 75	
Michael O'Dea,	6 00	
Joseph Kleasner,	3 00	
John Chandler,	2 25	
N. T. Abells,	30 50	
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SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND REPAIRS.

A. L. Strong, repairs,	\$11 84	
Mrs. John Chandler, cleaning,	5 00	
Mrs. John O'Neil, " "	9 00	
J. H. Howard, supplies,	8 95	
D. J. Wright, door mat,	3 05	
E. P. Hall & Co., lumber,	22 50	
P. Doppman, repairs,	9 15	
E. A. Hubbard, supplies,	8 73	
Jerry Brown & Co., mason work,	3 50	
Joseph Champaign, repairing roof,	4 40	
L. P. Dole, repairs,	2 00	
S. W. Kingsley, repairs,	4 75	
Wm. B. Langdon, repairs,	3 25	
Eames & Sprague, stoves and repairs,	46 84	
E. M. Martin, supplies,	2 21	
Dr. C. M. Barton, supplies,	17 62	
	<hr/>	\$162 79

LIBRARY.

J. H. Howard, oil, etc.,	\$4 16	
E. F. Billings, librarian,	25 00	
“ cash for lock,	35	
S. E. Bridgman & Co., books,	126 81	
	<hr/>	\$156 32

MEMORIAL DAY EXPENSES.

Hatfield Cornet Band,	\$25 00	
Arthur Bennett, janitor,	1 00	
Oliver Ditson & Co., sheet music,	3 50	
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MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Chas. L. Graves, cash for printing,	\$2 00	
N. T. Abells, services for R. R. Committee,	2 50	
S. P. Billings, " "	25 00	
N. W. Quint, casket cooler,	32 82	
Metcalf & Co., printing Assessors' blanks,	8 00	
S. E. Bridgman & Co., blank books, etc.,	6 61	
H. Shumway, express on books,	5 15	
A. M. Peck, trimming Cemetery hedge,	15 50	
" recording deaths,	7 25	
" cash for repairs,	2 25	
R. P. Smith, wood for Town Hall,	6 00	
Dr. W. H. Pollard, examining horse,	3 50	
S. W. Kingsley, repairing scraper,	4 00	
" " labor Town Hall,	2 75	
W. L. Smith & Co., cloth for Hall table,	75	
E. C. Davis, advice Mill bridge,	5 00	
Gazette Printing Co., printing,	4 41	
Wm. G. Bassett, legal services Everett case,	12 00	
Costs Franklin County Court,	10 00	
N. T. Abells, repairs town tools,	4 50	
H. S. Gere, advertising,	1 00	
D. W. Wells, services as Elector,	10 00	
C. D. Bardwell, janitor Town Hall,	15 00	
Eurotas Morton, for cemetery gates,	50 00	
Wm. D. Billings, recording and returning births, marriages and deaths,	20 95	
Ansel Wright, serving warrant on C. R. Lumber Co ,	1 08	
W. C. Dickinson, postage,	2 00	

Chas. K. Morton, cash paid witnesses Mrs.		
	R. Bardwell case,	5 00
"	" expenses Boston and West-	
	boro with Martin children,	9 00
"	" cash paid for teams, etc.,	7 60
"	" postage,	2 00
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		\$283 62

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. K. MORTON,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
EUROTAS MORTON,	
R. P. SMITH.	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Hatfield.</i>

HATFIELD, March, 6, 1884.

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, for the year ending March 1, 1884, and have found them correct, with proper vouchers on file for all warrants drawn, amounting to Six thousand eight hundred and eight dollars and seventy-two cents. (\$6,808.72.) Of this amount, there are orders for \$169.21 which have not been presented for payment.

C. S. SHATTUCK, *Auditor.*

HATFIELD, March 7, 1884.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1883.

Public Library,	\$200 00
Poor,	1,000 00
Bridges,	500 00
Special Repairs Highways,	500 00
Schools,	1,500 00
Town Officers,	600 00
Contingencies,	500 00
Town Debt,	1,000 00
Cemetery gates West Farms,	50 00
Decoration Day Expenses,	50 00
Refrigerator,	50 00
Ferry Road,	50 00
Deficiencies,	700 00
Highways and Bridges,	550 00
Interest,	220 00



LIST OF JURORS REPORTED BY THE SELECTMEN.

Lewis S. Dyer,	Wm. H. Belden,
Daniel W. Wells,	Champion B. Dickinson,
Luman Moore , <i>Roswell Billings</i>	Alpheus Cowles,
Samuel P. Billings,	Joseph S. Wells,
J. H. Howard,	Chas. L. Cowles,
Chas. Potter,	Peter Saffa,
Michael Larkin,	John E. Doane,
Jacob Carl,	Patrick Mullanny,
Chas E. Hubbard,	J. A. Cutter,
Oscar Belden,	J. E. Porter,
Chas. D. Bartlett,	Thos. M. Dea,

Henry S. Porter.

ARTICLES IN THE WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING,
MARCH 17, 1884.

ARTICLE 1.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2.—To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year, including one person for a member of the School Committee for three years.

ART. 3.—To choose an Elector under the will of the late Oliver Smith, Esq.

ART. 4.—To receive and accept the list of jurors as submitted by the Selectmen.

ART. 5.—To hear the reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer and School Committee, and act thereon.

ART. 6.—To receive and pass on town accounts.

ART. 7.—To take action in relation to raising money, to defray the necessary expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

ART. 8.—To see what method the town will adopt for the maintenance and repairs of Highways and Bridges the ensuing year.

ART. 9.—To see what action the town will take in relation to the prompt payment of taxes the ensuing year.

ART. 10.—To see if the town will raise money to pay the outstanding debts of the town.

ART. 11.—To see if the town will make an appropriation for the Public Library, and choose a Committee for the same.

ART. 12.—To take action in relation to the support of the poor of the town for the ensuing year.

ART. 13.—To hear the report of the several Committees of the town and act thereon.

ART. 14—To take action under Chapter 100, Section 5, of the Public Statutes. The vote must be by separate ballots, yes or no, in answer to the question, "shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

ART. 15—To see if the town will make an appropriation to defray the expenses of celebrating "Memorial Day."

ART. 16—To see if the town will vote to ask the County Commissioners to establish a Truant School.

ART. 17—To see if the town will adopt By-Laws concerning truant children.

ART. 18—To see if the town will vote to pay a bounty for the killing of noxious animals and birds.

ART. 19—To see if the town will take action in relation to relocating the Highways of the town.

ART. 20—To see if the town will elect a Superintendent of schools.

ART. 21—To see if the town will take action in relation to the Cemeteries of the town.

ART. 22 —To see if the town will appoint a Valuation Committee

ART. 23—To see if the town will take action in relation to defending any Law suits against the town.

ART. 24—To see if the town will pay L. P. Dole money, on account of James Shea.

ART. 25—To take action in relation to money due the town from Smith Charities, on account of wrong apportionment.

ART. 26—To see if the town will employ a teacher of music in the schools.

Treasurer's Report.

WM. C. DICKINSON, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
TOWN OF HATFIELD.

Dr.

To cash rec'd from C. L. Graves, Coll.,	\$7,005 91	
National Bank Tax,	1,706 10	
Corporation Tax,	285 43	
State Aid,	210 00	
Income of School Fund,	180 83	
Dog Fund,	62 79	
Town of Hadley, for ferry road,	35 00	
E. F. Billings' Note,	17 75	
S. W. Kingsley, timber,	12 00	
Burial of State paupers,	10 00	
Rent of Town Hall,	5 00	
	—————	\$9,530 81

TO CASH RECEIVED FROM LOANS.

State Treasurer, $4\frac{1}{4}$ per cent.,	\$2,000 00	
“ “ “ “	1,500 00	
Hampshire Savings Bank, 5 per cent,	1,000 00	
	—————	\$4,500 00

CASH RECEIVED FROM TEMPORARY LOANS.

Hampshire Savings Bank, 5 per cent.,	\$1,000 00	
“ “ “ “ “	500 00	
	—————	\$1,500 00
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		\$15,530 81

Cr.

Due the Treasurer from old account,		\$461 02
By cash paid Selectmen's orders,	\$6,639 58	
Old orders.	51 42	
County Tax,	1,492 15	
State Tax,	900 00	
Interest on Notes,	212 85	
State Treasurer, license acct.,	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$9,321 00

BY CASH PAID ON LOANS.

State Treasurer,	\$2,000 00	
" "	1,500 00	
Hampshire Savings Bank,	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$4,000 00

CASH PAID ON TEMPORARY LOANS.

Hampshire Savings Bank,	\$1,000 00	
" " "	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,500 00
Balance in Treasury,		\$248 79
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		\$15,530 81

 IN ACCOUNT WITH C. L. GRAVES, COLLECTOR.
Dr.

To Cash received,	\$7,005 91	
Orders of abatement,	731 98	
Discount on Taxes,	94 04	
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Balance in hands of Collector,		\$1,027 36
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		\$8,859 29

Cr.

By Balance from old account,		\$373 25
Assessors' Warrant,	\$8,465 59	
Interest on Taxes,	20 45	
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		\$8,859 29

SUMMARY.

State Treasurer's Note, due Apr. 7, 1884,	\$1,500 00	
“ “ “ “ June 1, 1884,	2,000 00	
Hampshire Savings Bank Note,	1,000 00	
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		\$4,500 00
Outstanding Orders,		169 21
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		\$4,669 21
Cash in Treasury,	\$248 79	
Uncollected Taxes,	1,027 36	
Due from State and Military Aid,	198 00	
State on account State paupers,	48 00	
County $\frac{1}{2}$ cost line stones,	3 25	
C. S. Shattuck, for laying wall,	23 72	
City of Northampton, for tuition,	18 00	
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		\$1,567 12
Balance against the Town,		<hr/>
		\$3,102 09

WM. C. DICKINSON, *Treasurer.*

I have this day examined the books and vouchers of the Treasurer, and have found them correct.

C. S. SHATTUCK, *Auditor.*

HATFIELD, MASS., March 7, 1884.

Town Clerk's Report.



To the Selectmen of the Town of Hatfield.

GENTLEMEN :—I respectfully present to you my first annual report.

The vital statistics are as follows :

BIRTHS BY MONTHS.

	NO.	MALES.	FEMALES.
January,	2	2	
February,	2	2	
March,	2	1	1
April,	1		1
May,	1	1	
June,	4	4	
July,	5	3	2
August,	3	2	1
September,	1	1	
October,	1	1	
November,	2		2
December,	3	3	
Total,	27	20	7

PARENTAGE.

Native born, 7; Foreign born, 13.

Foreign born father and native born mother, 7.

Birth rate for five preceding years :

1878,	1879,	1880,	1881,	1882,
40	35	37	33	24

MARRIAGES BY MONTHS.

January,	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
February,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
March,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
April,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
June,	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
September,	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
October,	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
November,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
December,	.	.	.	.	.	.	2

Total, 17

Of the whole number there was :

First marriage of both parties,	15 couples
Second " " "	1 "
" of male and first of female,	1 "

Total, 17

Age of youngest bridegroom, 21 years.

" " bride, 17 "

" oldest bridegroom, 69 "

" " bride, 62 "

Of the whole number married, there were :

Under 20 years of age,	4 females.
Between 20 and 30 years of age,	14 males, 10 "
" 30 " 40 "	2 " 2 "
" 60 " 70 "	1 " 1 "

All of the persons married were native born.

Number of marriage certificates issued from this office, 16.

Marriages for the five previous years :

1878,	1879,	1880,	1881,	1882,
11	13	11	12	6

DEATHS BY MONTHS.

January,	.	.	.	.	.	1
February,	.	.	.	.	.	2
March,	.	.	.	.	.	4
April,	.	.	.	.	.	3
May,	.	.	.	.	.	7
June,	.	.	.	.	.	2
October,	.	.	.	.	.	4
November,	.	.	.	.	.	3
December,	.	.	.	.	.	3

Total, 29

Under 5 years of age,	7 males, 2 females.
Between 5 and 10 years of age,	1 "
" 10 " 20,	1 "
" 20 " 30,	2 "
" 30 " 40,	1 "
" 40 " 50,	3 " 1 "
" 50 " 60,	1 "
" 60 " 70,	2 " 2 "
" 70 " 80,	3 "
" 80 " 90,	1 " 2 "
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The oldest person deceased was a female, 85 years, 6 months.

The death rate for five preceding years :

1878,	1879,	1880,	1881,	1882,
28	25	26	23	25

Causes of death classified according to the nomenclature adopted by the State Board of Registration.

ZYMOTIC DISEASES.

Croup,	1
Diphtheria,	1
Scarlatina,	1
Typhus Fever,	1
Cerebro Spinal Meningitis,	1
Remittent Fever,	1

CONSTITUTIONAL DISEASES.

Mortification,	1
Phthisis,	2

LOCAL DISEASES.

Apoplexy,	1
Cephalitis,	1
Bronchitis,	6
Pneumonia,	5
Disease Brain,	2
" Heart,	1
" Liver,	1
" Kidney,	1
Bright's Disease,	1

VIOLENT DEATHS.

Killed by New Haven and Northampton Rail Road,	1
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STATEMENT OF THE DOG TAX ACCOUNT.

WM. D. BILLINGS, TOWN CLERK, In account with the Town of Hatfield.

Dr.

To cash received from Dec. 1, 1882, to Dec.		
1, 1883, for licenses of 42 dogs, (males,)		
at \$2 each,	\$84 00	
To cash rec'd for license 1 dog, (female,)	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$89 00
Less Clerk's fees, 43 dogs, at 20 cents each,		8 60
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		\$80 40

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December 3, 1883.

By cash paid Lewis Warner, County Treasurer, \$80 40

The amount paid into the County Treasury on this account for the five previous years, was in

1878,	1879,	1880,	1881,	1882,
\$102.20.	\$73.80.	\$77.40.	\$59.40.	\$63.00

There have been recorded during the year:

23 Mortgages of Personal Property. 5 Assignment of Wages.

All other papers, 1.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. D. BILLINGS, *Town Clerk.*

Report of School Committee.

Perhaps in no one of the reports are so many of our people interested as in that of the schools; children as well as parents reading to see if it agrees with their opinion.

We would scan the past year, not to praise or censure any one, but only hoping that some hints may be gained which will aid the work of the coming year.

As we passed from one school room we took with us this thought: How they are working there! Not a moment seemed wasted, and the animated faces showed the interest. When the last day came we could take the book, hear a review, and pronounce a "well done" for teacher and pupils. And this is true, not only of one school and one term, but of the majority of the schools most of the terms.

While we enjoy hearing the children in pieces and dialogues, and seeing their increasing skill with crayon and pen, we regret to find these, in some cases, taking the prominent place, while the lessons are shortened or slighted to give the required time.

During the fall term, Walton's cards were introduced into the schools and have met a long felt need. Now it is a pleasure to note the proficiency of even the little ones in the multiplication table. In last year's report a change of Reading books was recommended; that change has been made during the past term, with satisfactory results. If a still greater variety could be obtained, by the occasional introduction of newspapers or magazines, we think it would be well.

We propose to hold examinations to test the qualification of pupils to enter the Grammar schools from the Primary, and also in all the schools for scholars proposing to advance to higher

classes. This has been done to some extent the past year, and it is expected by this means to correct the prevalent evil of pupils being pushed by their parents, and by some injudicious teachers, into books which are too difficult for them to study with profit. It will also stimulate the children by making their advance, step by step, a more marked and noticeable event.

The absence of Mr. Hubbard, during most of the year, has been regretted. We had expected great aid from his wide experience; deprived of that, we have passed through the perplexities of our office dependent on our own judgment.

Teachers have been selected only when recommended by previous experience and success, yet even this has not secured us all desired. Whenever called to the support of a teacher we have endeavored to respond heartily and thoroughly, believing in no other way could future peace be secured.

For several years the large number and varied ages of the pupils at West Hatfield, during the winter term, have demanded attention. We think at slight expense a recitation room might be fitted up there for an assistant teacher, and so afford time for a more careful supervision of individuals, which the class of pupils attending demands, that the school may take an equal rank with the others in town.

HILL DISTRICT—GRAMMAR.

Miss Nellie A. Waite, 2 terms. Miss Iola L. Pearl, 1 term.

No. of scholars enrolled,	38
Average membership,	34½
Average attendance,	30½
No. of scholars over 15 years of age,	3
No. weeks of school,	34

HILL DISTRICT—PRIMARY.

Miss Marion B. Clough, 1 term. Miss Julia E. Phelps, 1 term.
Miss Carrie B. Holden, 1 term.

No. of scholars enrolled,	49
Average membership,	36
Average attendance,	31
No. weeks of school,	33

CENTER DISTRICT—GRAMMAR.

Miss Carrie S. Porter, 1 term.	Miss Eunice J. Morton, 2 terms.
No. of scholars enrolled,	28
Average membership,	25 $\frac{1}{2}$
Average attendance,	22 $\frac{1}{2}$
No. of scholars over 15 years of age,	1
No. weeks of school,	34

CENTER DISTRICT—PRIMARY.

Miss Mary H. Warner, 1 term.	Miss Carrie L. Warner, 2 terms.
No. of scholars enrolled,	45
Average membership,	31 $\frac{1}{2}$
Average attendance,	28
No. weeks of school,	34

WEST BROOK DISTRICT.

Miss Martha Gardner, 3 terms.

No. of scholars enrolled,	37
Average membership,	28
Average attendance,	25 $\frac{1}{2}$
No. of scholars over 15 years of age,	2
No. weeks of school,	34

WEST FARMS DISTRICT.

Maggie E. Robbins, 1 term.	Laura A. Sanderson, 2 terms.
No. of scholars enrolled,	30
Average membership,	24 $\frac{1}{2}$
Average attendance,	23
No. weeks of school,	34

WEST HATFIELD DISTRICT.

Miss Carrie M. Westover, and Mrs. Abells, 1 term.

Miss Mary H. Warner, 2 terms.

No. of scholars enrolled,	54
Average membership,	47
Average attendance,	42
No. scholars over 15 years of age,	1
No. weeks of school,	35

APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIPTS.

Balance unexpended last year,	\$ 51 21	
Appropriated by the town,	1,500 00	
Rec'd from State School Fund,	188 83	
“ “ Dog Fund,	62 79	
	<hr/>	\$1,802 83
Amt. expended for teachers and board,	\$1,533 80	
“ “ “ wood and coal,	249 46	
“ “ “ care of school houses,	10 50	
Balance unexpended,	9 07	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,802 83

There are about Seventy dollars in unpaid bills, which leaves an actual deficiency of \$60.79.

Teachers' wages have been increased from the six dollars per week, which has been paid for a few years past, to seven dollars including board. This became necessary to retain some of our best teachers. To reduce the deficiency arising from this course, we have shortened the Winter terms one week each. If we add to the aggregate increase of teacher's wages, the amount necessary to employ an assistant teacher at West Hatfield, during the Winter term, an appropriation of \$400, in excess of the appropriation for schools last year, will be needed to maintain the schools the usual 35 weeks for the year.

No. of children between 5 and 15,	284
“ “ pupils enrolled,	281
“ “ scholars between 5 and 15,	278
“ “ “ “ 8 and 14,	201
Average attendance,	202½
No. of scholars over 15 years of age,	3
Under 5 years of age,	2

H. G. MOORE, } *School*
C. M. BARTON, } *Committee.*

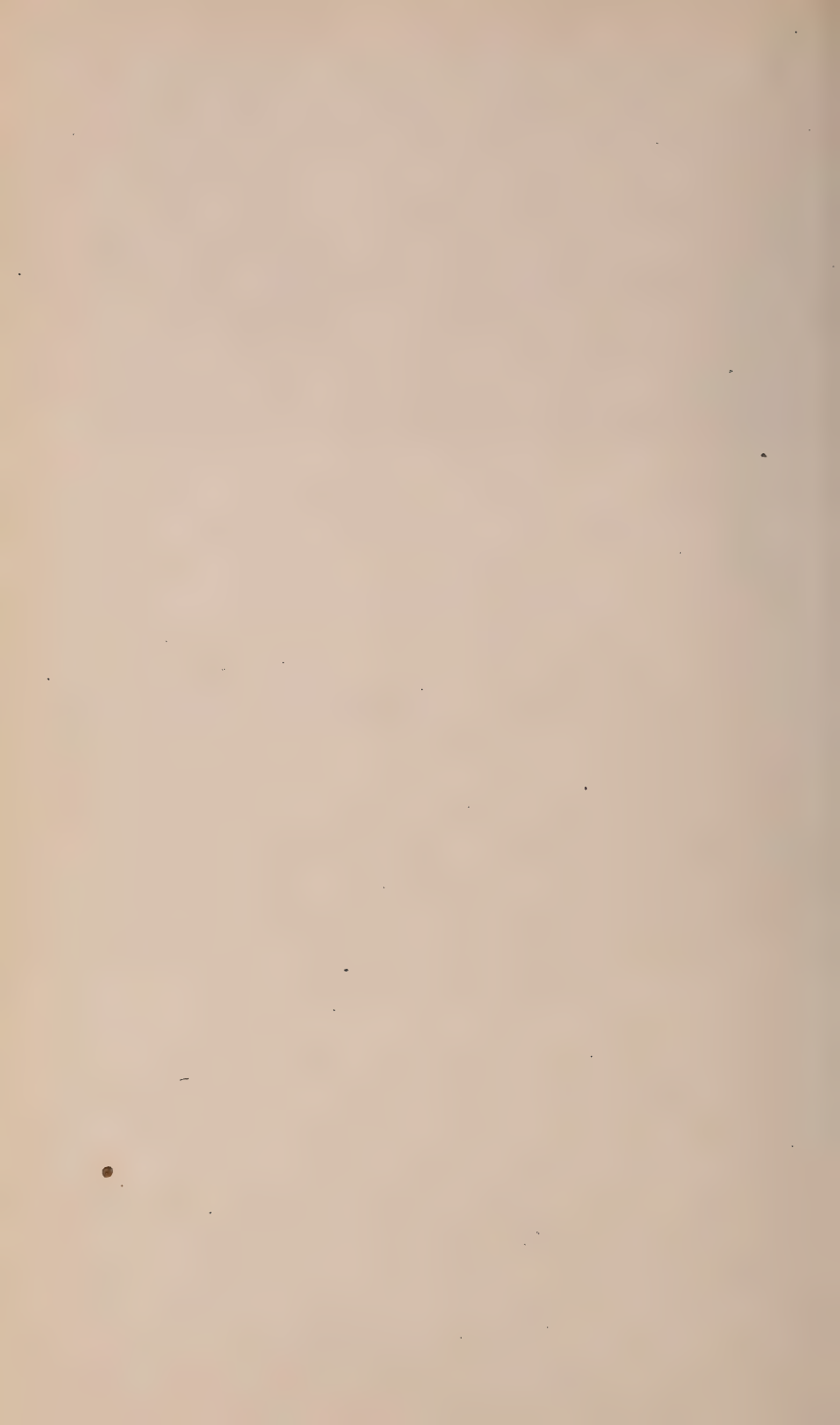
LIST OF BOOKS BOUGHT FOR HATFIELD PUBLIC
LIBRARY, 1883.

Unknown to History.
On the Threshold.
Deacon Crankie.
The Col.'s Daughter.
Vicar of Wakefield.
Story of a Bad Boy.
Light of Asia.
Ward's Etiquette.
Guardian Angel.
But yet a Woman.
Whom Kathie Married.
Hot Plowshares.
Life on the Mississippi.
Which? Right or Wrong.
Story of Roland.
Dr. Claudies.
Paal and Persis.
His Triumph.
His Sombre Rivals.
A Woman's Reason.
Seven Stories.
A Wronged Wife.
Life of Mary Lamb.
Shelley's Letters.
Queenie Hetherton.
A Woman of Honor.
Beyond the Gates.
Banned and Blest.
Boy Travelers in Central Africa.
Winners in Life's Race.
Life and her Children.
Life of Gen. John A. Dix, 2 Vols.
Walks in Rome.
History of the Civil War. Comte DeParis, Vol. 3rd.
Not of Man.
Vagabondia.
The old Woman who lived in a Shoe.

Janet.
 Stephen, the Schoolmaster.
 Phil and his Friends.
 Don Gordon's Shooting Box.
 Vestigia.
 Under the Sun.
 Bread Winners.
 The Clayton Rangers.
 Rifle and Hound.
 Harpers 1883, 2 Vols.
 Atlantic " "
 Century " "
 Fairy Land of Science.
 History of Mexico.
 Dorrington Court.
 Floyd Grandon's Honor.
 Judith.
 Ben Hur.
 Beatrix Randolph.
 Ned in the Block House.
 Newport.
 A Great Treason.
 Hester.
 Lances of Linwood.
 Our Boys in China.
 Tinkham Bro.'s Tide Mill.
 Voyages and adventures of Drake, the Sea King.
 Donal Grant.
 Weighed and Wanting.
 Among the Holy Hills.
 On the Desert.
 Biblical Study.
 The Mikado's Empire.
 Josephus.
 Retrospect of a long Life.
 Recollections of a Drummer Boy.
 The Queen's Body Guard.
 Dust.
 Brook's Sermons in English Chapels.
 Yonge's History of France.
 " " England.
 " " Rome.

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
SELECTMEN,
Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk,
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AND
Library Committee
OF THE
TOWN OF HATFIELD,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1885.

NORTHAMPTON, MASS.:
WADE, WARNER & CO., PRINTERS.
1885.



SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Hatfield:

The appropriations for the highways and bridges would have been ample under ordinary circumstances, but the flood or water-spout in the west part of the town washed the roads to such a degree that it seemed at first impossible to repair them, for want of earth. There really seemed to be nothing but stones in sight. We succeeded, however, by expending about five hundred dollars on the mountain roads, in putting them in a much better condition than they had been for years. We estimate the damage to the town at that time to have been more than eight hundred dollars.

BRIDGES.

We have rebuilt three of the largest bridges in the town, and have put in new sleepers and re-planked Hill bridge, and several others.

The rebuilding of the river bridge, on the old Depot road, was not anticipated, as it had been built less than five years, but we found its condition unsafe.

DAMAGE.

We have expended for this cause eight hundred and fifteen dollars. We had given up building the truss bridge, which has been found so unfortunatune a style of bridge for this town, several years ago, as we considered it very difficult to determine just how long this kind of a bridge was safe. The whole weight of the bridge depends upon each part of the frame, so that the strength of the bridge is only that of its weakest stick of timber. With the exception of a few feet on the end of the stick that gave way, the bridge that went down with Mr. and Mrs. Johnson had every appearance of being safe for a number of years, and this stick appeared sound upon the outside.

It is safe to predict, however, that in the future the bridges of this town will be examined with a great deal of care by those who have them in charge.

PAUPERS.

The sum expended under this head is a little larger than last year, though it should be reduced by the amount of the sums repaid by the State and town of Wenham.

Just now nearly all we are supporting are full support paupers. The weekly expense is: Charles Morton and Barney McHugh, \$3 each; M. Ryan and Barbara Goodchild, \$2 each; two in the Hospital, \$3.25 each; Letty Wheeler, \$1.50; Tobin children, \$3.50 for both, and partial support to others, though very little at present.

It may be possible to find some family to board several of these at a less price than we are paying at present. It will be wise to find permanent places for the Tobin children.

It will be well for the town to consider the subject of devising some plan that may give us some of the benefits of an almshouse, without any great expense.

EXPENDITURES.

Our expenditures have been as follows:

OLD BILLS.

L. H. Kingsley, printing town reports, etc.,	\$ 40 15
H. G. Moore, school house repairs and supplies,	100 34
Harry Wright, services as janitor,	3 25
N. T. Abellls, cash paid for earth,	2 85
S. E. Bridgman & Co., books for schools,	17 84
R. P. Smith, salary Selectman,	50 00
Charles K. Morton, salary Selectman,	125 00
Eurotas Morton, salary Selectman,	58 00
C. B. Dickinson, labor on highways.	16 00
I. R. Clark, glass for school houses,	2 60
E. A. Belden, wood for schools,	8 00
H. G. Moore, cash for sawing wood,	4 00
O. O. Graves, labor on highway,	3 50
H. G. Moore, cash for coal,	25 29
R. B. Abbott, services as janitor,	3 25
M. H. Burke, painting school houses,	46 02
James Kelly, services as janitor,	16 00
Phillip Jubinville, labor on highway,	10 50
Charles L. Graves, tax on town land,	2 30
Charles L. Graves, labor on highway,	1 50
Charles L. Graves, salary Tax Collector,	125 00
John Carl, sawing wood and janitor,	14 25
H. Shumway; drawing wood for schools,	1 25
H. Shumway, drawing wood for poor,	2 50
H. S. Hubbard, services as Assessor,	11 25
Wm. C. Dickinson, services as Treasurer,	50 00
J. A. Cutter, labor on bridges,	3 00

L. S. Crafts, water trough and guide boards,	\$ 6 00
Dr. C. L. Knowlton, med. attendance on G. Murrey, 1880,	16 00
Dr. C. M. Barton, med. attendance on poor, 1881, '82, '83,	80 70
N. T. Abells, labor on highway,	2 00
E. A. Hubbard, services as School Committee,	10 00
H. G. Moore, services as School Committee,	50 00
C. S. Shattuck, sharpening drills,	5 50
A. M. Peck, services as sexton for poor	3 00

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PAUPERS.

Mary Wheeler, board of Letty Wheeler,	\$78 00
Clifford Russell, board of Patrick Rnssell,	55 00
Wm. Field, board and clothing Chas. Morton,	159 05
Thos. Buckley, board of Barney McHugh,	26 00
J. H. Howard, groceries, M. Ryan,	30 00
L. S. Bliss, house rent, M. Ryan,	4 50
Wm. Lyons, meat bill, M. Ryan,	6 60
Michael Boyle, board, M. Ryan,	52 00
Cash for clothes, M. Ryan,	14 00
J. H. Howard, groceries, Mrs. Kennedy,	6 11
J. H. Howard, goods, Barney McHugh,	6 00
Thos. Dea, board Barney McHugh,	10 00
Thcodore Baggs, board Barney McHugh,	102 50
Mrs. Hade, care of Barney McHugh,	3 00
N. L. Hospital, board of A. M. Richmond,	180 20
N. L. Hospital, board of Catherine Tobin,	178 13
City of Northampton, support of J. Proulx,	15 25
City of Northampton, support of Joseph Martin's family,	21 60
City of Springfield, support Barbara Goodchild,	85 15
Joseph Smith, cash, Barbara Goodchild,	5 00
D. J. Wright, groceries, Jane Stone,	45 00
Mrs. T. Graves, house rent. P. Doppman,	48 00

Mrs. J. D. Billings, house rent Mrs. Kennedy,	\$24 00
Philos Doane, sawing wood for Mrs Kennedy,	1 50
Smith & Dwight, coal for Mrs. Kennedy,	7 25
Smith & Dwight, coal for Mrs. Dodge,	7 23
Cash for Mrs. Dodge,	10 00
Wm. H. Dickinson, house rent for Mrs. Dodge,	48 00
Michael Flavin, board of Tobin children,	30 00
E. M. Martin, clothing Charles Morton,	6 60
State of Mass., board of Penny Wheeler,	4 43
A. M. Peck, milk for M. Ryan,	3 87
Peter Cartier, board John Cartier's family,	12 00
T. Baggs, lodging tramps,	23 00
Michael Boyle, lodging tramps,	1 00
N. P. Gould, lodging tramps,	50
Charles K. Morton, cash,	3 75
Dr. C. M. Barton, medical services,	22 00
	<hr/> \$1,336 22

SCHOOLS.

Miss Carrie L. Warner, teaching,	\$245 00
“ Eunice J. Morton, “	245 00
“ Julie E. Phelps, “	236 60
“ Nellie A. Waite, “	245 00
Mrs. Lizzie A. Kingman, “	238 00
Miss Martha D. Gardner, “	238 00
“ Rosella E. Clark, “	245 00
“ Gertie A. Strong, “	65 40
Henry Carl, services of janitor,	4 05
Charles Abbott, “	2 50
Harry Wight, “	3 50
John J. Burke, “	3 80
James Kelly, “	3 75
Harry Barnes, “	7 50
John Carl, “	3 95
George A. Barton, “	6 30
George Carleton, Jr., “	2 50
Dr. C. M. Barton, cash, “	6 50

John E. Doane, wood,	\$2 50
Jacob Carl, drawing wood,	1 00
F. G. Bardwell, wood,	4 50
Dr. C. M. Barton, cash for wood,	9 00
A. L. Strong, wood,	9 00
Smith & Dwight, coal,	139 99
H. G. Moore, cash for fuel,	12 13
“ “ “ “ janitors,	14 50
VanAntwerpt & Co., dictionaries,	41 25

\$2,036.22

TEACHING MUSIC IN SCHOOLS.

Mrs. D. E. Shattuck,	\$200 00
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SCHOOL-BOOKS, UNDER NEW LAW.

S. E. Bridgman & Co.,	236 82
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HIGHWAYS.

Joseph Newman, labor,	450 32
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HIGHWAYS, (SPECIAL).

E. S. Strong,	labor,	\$19 50
Peter Saffer,	“	37 50
John McGrath,	“	4 50
A. L. Strong,	“	1 00
George Vollenger,	“	5 25
Thos. Nolan,	“	3 75
H. Shumway,	“	46 00
John McGrath,	“	4 50
James Porter,	“	7 00
H. S. Porter,	“	8 75

Wm. S. Briggs, labor,	\$5 25
F. B. Moore, "	10 50
John McHugh, Jr., "	1 75
Wm. M. Jones, "	16 00
John Boyle, "	18 00
John Steele, "	10 50
Frank Newman, "	18 00
John Batzold, "	36 00
George Steele "	11 25
E. S. Strong, "	1 50
John Chandler, "	9 00
Nicholas Powers, "	16 50
John Sheehan, "	15 00
Joseph Klisoner, "	21 00
John McGrath, "	1 50
Lawrence Vollenger "	12 00
H. Shumway, "	119 70
Wm. Miller, "	9 00
George Vollinger, "	13 50
Luther Allis, "	9 00
Emri Merrick, "	11 25
Moses E. Kingsl�y, "	4 50
J. A. Cutter, "	27 25
Eleazer Cooley, "	7 50
Peter Saffer, "	53 25
Michael Boyle, "	1 50
David Payer, "	6 40
C. B. Dickinson, "	62 75
Lawrence Doppman, "	5 00
Chas. E. Kingsley, "	6 00
Chas. K. Morton, team,	12 25
Michael O'Dea, labor,	1 50
J. B. Chandler, "	4 50
R. P. Smith, "	21 00
John Fitzgibbons, "	4 50
Mary L. Hubbard, earth,	12 30

\$734 20

BRIDGES.

Peter Saffer, labor,	\$87 50
Wells W. Ayer & Co., spikes,	2 75
F. G. Bardwell, lumber,	19 00
John E. Doane, lumber,	28 80
James Mullins, labor,	8 00
John Batzold, labor,	7 50
J. H. Howard, spikes,	3 00
Alfred Clevy,	12 00
Peter Saffer,	14 75
Nicholas Powers,	12 00
Patrick Boyle, Jr.,	3 00
Michael Boyle,	17 50
John Holdfedder,	9 00
C. B. Dickinson, labor,	15 32
C. B. Dickinson, labor,	20 68
C. B. Dickinson, lumber,	18 80
Lawrence Doppman, labor,	7 75
C. W. White, labor,	47 75
James Mullins, labor,	4 50
George Bitner, labor,	1 25
Chas. K. Morton, team drawing lumber,	1 00
F. W. Wilbur, blacksmith work,	2 26
J. Maxwell, lumber,	112 01
Eurotas Morton, lumber,	245 48
James Powers, lumber,	1 00
Alfred Clevy, labor,	2 00
W. H. & W. C. Dickinson, labor, <i>Lumber</i>	133 61
Wm. Carson,	1 15
Henry Dwight,	1 00
N. T. Abells, plank and posts,	7 33
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	\$767 69

STATE AID.

Mrs. U. B. Graves,	\$48 00
Mrs. Anderson,	48 00
Mrs. Covill,	48 00
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	\$144 00

SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS AND SUPPLIES.

Mrs. John Leary, cleaning,	\$4 25	
J. H. Howard, supplies,	12 74	
W. B. Langdon, mason work,	8 25	
Jerre Brown & Co., mason work,	10 25	
Joseph Champaigne, repairing roof,	6 20	
S. E. Bridgman & Ce., supplies,	15 17	
Mrs. John B. Ryan, cleaning,	7 50	
L. A. Cooper, repairing black-boards,	35 78	
R. W. & J. R. Sackett, furniture,	10 25	
H. G. Moore, cash for cleaning,	2 00	
H. G. Moore, repairs and supplies,	13 40	
S. W. Kingsley, repairs,	14 10	
E. B. Currier, window shades,	10 90	
Dexter Jones, repairs,	9 75	
C. W. White, repairs,	1 00	
Lee & Day, stove,	11 25	
S. W. Kingsley, repairs,	10 90	
M. H. Burke, painting, etc.,	6 50	
Dr. C. M. Barton, repairs and supplies,	33 89	
W. L. Smith & Co., settees,	8 00	
		\$232 58

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

E. F. Billings, constable,	\$13 40	
E. F. Billings, assessor,	60 00	
H. R. Graves, assessor,	62 65	
John T. Fitch, assessor,	72 00	
Thomas J. Ryan, constable,	2 00	
Wm. D. Billings,	50 00	
Wm. D. Billings, registrar of voters,	25 00	
S. P. Billings, registrar,	15 00	
Joseph S. Wells, registrar,	15 00	
Wm. H. Belden, registrar,	15 00	
Dr. C. M. Barton, school committee,	50 00	
H. G. Moore, " "	50 00	
E. A. Hubbard, " "	25 00	
D. W. Wells, elector,	10 00	
		\$465 05

MEMORIAL DAY EXPENSES.

Hatfield Cornet Band,	\$25 00
W. C. Dickinson, cash for flowers,	7 75
Oliver Ditson & Co., sheet music,	3 00

\$35.75

LIBRARY.

J. H. Howard, oil,	\$1 65
Henry Childs, binding books,	46 40
S. E. Bridgman & Co., books,	113 54
James L. Bowen, book,	2 16
R. M. Woods, “	2 00
L. H. Kingsley, printing,	1 00
E. F. Billings, librarian,	25 00
Wm. P. Allis, wood,	4 00
Levi W. Smith, shelves,	40 00

3
\$225 75

DAMAGE.

Wm. B. Langdon, damage to horse,	\$15 00
L. M. Johnson and wife,	800 00

\$815 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

L. P. Dole,	\$35 00
Chas. K. Morton, expenses pauper account,	10 06
Henry Winn, legal services, Smith Charities,	33 33
Chas. K. Morton, expenses, “ “	25 00
Gazette Printing Co., printing,	7 50
F. W. Prince, guide-boards,	1 00
H. Shumway, express, books,	6 00

W. C. Dickinson, cash, bounties,	\$52 10
L. H. Kingsley, printing tax-bills,	3 00
John McHugh, cutting tree for S. H. Dickinson,	2 25
James Ryan, " " " "	2 25
S. W. Kingsley, repairing road scraper,	4 00
J. A. Cutter, labor on Cemetery,	1 50
A. M. Peck, " "	5 00
John T. Fitch, stationery and postage,	1 70
Luman S. Crafts, water trough,	5 00
Chas. K. Morton, railroad fare and postage,	3 00
A. M. Peck, recording deaths,	5 25
" " straps for hearse,	3 00
Caleb D. Bardwell, care of Town Hall,	15 00
N. T. Abells, plow and scraper,	15 00
W. D. Billings, obtaining and recording births, marriages and deaths,	23 00
W. D. Billings, cash for Registrars' book and postage,	3 00
M. H. Burke, repairing blinds Town Hall,	4 00

\$265 94

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. K. MORTON, } *Selectmen*
 EUROTAS MORTON, } *of*
 RICHARD P. SMITH, } *Hatfield.*

HATFIELD, March 5. 1885.

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, for the year ending March 1st, 1885, and have found them correct, with proper vouchers on file for all warrants drawn, amounting to eight thousand eight hundred seventy-

one dollars and eighty-eight cents (\$8,871.88). Of this amount there are orders for two hundred and sixty-six dollars and eighty-eight cents (\$266.88)*, which have not been presented to the Treasurer for payment.

CHAS. S. SHATTUCK, Auditor.

HATFIELD, March 4, 1885.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1884.

Schools,	\$2,000
School books,	300
Poor,	1200
Bridges,	500
Highways,	500
" special repairs,	200
Town officers,	600
Contingencies,	500
Town debt,	1,000
Public Library,	264
Memorial Day,	50
Teaching music in Schools,	200
Enforcing license law,	100
Interest,	200

LIST OF JURORS REPORTED BY THE SELECTMEN.

Lewis S. Dyer,	J. A. Cutter,
Chas. Potter,	J. E. Porter,
Michael Larkin,	Thos. M. Dea,
Chas. E. Hubbard,	Daniel W. Wells,
Chas. D. Bartlett,	Chas. L. Cowles,
W. H. Belden,	Geo. C. Marsh.
Alpheus Cowles,	Philip Carl,
Joseph S. Wells,	Chas. A. Jones,
Peter Saffer,	Eugene Morton,
John E. Doane,	Chas. L. Warner,
Patrick Mullaney,	Alfred H. Graves,
Albert Webber,	

ARTICLES IN THE WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING,
MARCH 16, 1885.

ARTICLE 1—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting,

ART. 2—To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year, including one person for a member of the School Committee for three years.

ART. 3—To choose an Elector under the will of the late Oliver Smith, Esq.

ART. 4—To revise and accept the List of Jurors as submitted by the Selectmen.

ART. 5—To hear the reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer and School Committee, and act thereon.

ART. 6—To receive and pass on town accounts.

ART. 7—To take action in relation to raising money to defray the necessary expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

ART. 8—To see what method the town will adopt for the maintenance and repairs of the highways and bridges the ensuing year.

ART. 9—To see what action the town will take in relation to the prompt payment of taxes the ensuing year.

ART. 10—To see if the town will raise money to pay the outstanding debts of the town.

ART. 11—To see if the town will make an appropriation for the public library and choose a committee for the same.

ART. 12—To take action in relation to the support of the poor of the town for the ensuing year.

ART. 13—To hear the report of the several committees of the town and act thereon.

ART. 14.—To see if the town will make an appropriation to defray the expense of celebrating "Memorial Day."

ART. 15.—To take action under Chap. 100, Sec. 5 of the Public Statutes. The vote must be by separate ballots, "Yes" or "No," in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

ART. 16.—To see if the town will pay a bounty for the killing of noxious animals and birds.

ART. 17—To see if the town will employ a teacher of music in the schools.

ART. 18—To see what action the town will take in relation to a settlement with Joseph S. Newman for repairs of highways for the year ending March 1, 1885.

ART. 19.—To see if the town will locate a highway from a point near the house of O. S. Graves in North Hatfield, easterly to the “old Farms road,” so called.

ART. 20.—To see if the town will erect headstones at the graves of soldiers buried in this town, that are at present unmarked.

ART. 21.—To take action in relation to providing additional room for scholars in the West Hatfield district, either by building a school house or otherwise.

Treasurer's Report.

W. C. DICKINSON, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
TOWN OF HATFIELD.

Dr.

To Balance from old account.		\$218 79
To cash rec'd from C. L. Graves, Coll.	\$8560 54	
National Bank Tax,	1,744 83	
Corporation Tax,	382 38	
State Aid,	201 00	
Income of School Fund,	168 47	
Dog Fund,	50 89	
Expenses of contagious diseases	48 00	
Support of state paupers temporary,	6 30	
Town of Hadley, for ferry boat,	102 50	
Town of Wenham, support of Mrs. Dodge,	69 23	
Tuition Northampton Scholars,	36 00	

Tuition Whately Scholars,	\$20 00	
C. S. Shattuck, for laying		
wall,	23 72	
N. T. Abells, over pay		
bridge ac't.,	3 00	
		<hr/> \$11,416 86

TO CASH RECEIVED FROM LOANS.

State Treasurer, 4 per cent.,	\$1,500 00	
" " " " "	1,500 00	
Hampshire Savings Bank, 5 per cent.,	1,000 00	
" " " " " "	1,000 00	
		<hr/> \$5,000 00

CASH RECEIVED FROM TEMPORARY LOANS.

Hampshire Savings Bank 5 per cent.,	\$500 00	
" " " " " "	500 00	
		<hr/> \$1,000 00
		<hr/> \$17,665 65

Cr.

By cash paid Selectmen's orders	\$8,605 00	
Old orders,	119 21	
Interest on notes,	260 06	
County tax,	1,492 15	
State tax,	1,200 00	
		<hr/> \$11,676 42

BY CASH PAID ON LOANS.

State Treasurer,	\$2,000 00	
" "	1,500 00	
Hampshire Savings Bank,	1,000 00	
		<hr/> \$4,500 00

CASH PAID ON TEMPORARY LOANS.

Hampshire Savings Bank,	\$500 00	
“ “ “	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,000 00
Balance in Treasury,		\$489 23
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		\$17,665 65

IN ACCOUNT WITH C. L. GRAVES, COLLECTOR.

Dr.

To Cash received,	\$8,560 54	
Orders of abatement,	28 75	
Discount on Taxes,	114 22	
	<hr/>	\$8,703 51
Balance in hands of Collector,		\$1,304 10
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		\$10,007 61

Cr.

By Balance from old account,		\$1,027 36
Assessors' Warrant,	\$8,942 53	
Interest on Taxes,	37 72	
	<hr/>	\$8,980 25
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		\$10,007 61

SUMMARY.

State Treasurer's Note due April 7, 1885,	\$1,500 00	
“ “ “ “ June 1, 1885,	1,500 00	
Hampshire Savings Bank Note,	1,000 00	
“ “ “ “	1,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$5,000 00
Outstanding Orders,		\$266 88
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		\$5,266 88

Cash in Treasury,	\$489 23
Uncollected Taxes,	1,304 10
Due from State and Military aid,	144 00
“ “ “ Paupers,	45 73
“ City of Northampton, tuition,	27 00
“ Town of Whately, “	27 73
	<hr/> \$2,037 79
Balance against the Town,	<hr/> \$3,229 09

WM. C. DICKINSON, Treasurer.

I have this day examined the books and vouchers of the Treasurer, and have found them correct.

C. S. SHATTUCK, *Auditor*.

HATFIELD, MASS., March 7, 1885.

Town Clerk's Report.

To the Selectmen of the Town of Hatfield :

GENTLEMEN: I present to you my annual report. The vital statistics are as follows .

BIRTHS BY MONTHS.

	NO.	MALES.	FEMALES.
January,	2	1	1
February,	8	5	3
March,	1		1
May,	2	2	
June,	4	3	1
July,	3	2	1
August,	6	3	3
September,	2	1	1
October,	1		1
November,	3	1	2
December,	1	1	
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Total,	33	19	14

PARENTAGE.

Native born, 18. Foreign born, 9.

Foreign born father and native born mother, 3.

“ mother “ “ father, 3.

Birth rate for five preceding years:

1879,	1880,	1881,	1882,	1883,
35.	37.	33.	24.	27.

MARRIAGES, BY MONTHS.

January,	1
April,	2
May,	1
June,	2
August,	1
October,	2
November,	1
	—
Total,	10

First marriage of both parties,	8
Second " male, first of female,	1
" " female, first of male,	1
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	10

Age of youngest bridegroom,	22 years.
" " bride,	19 "
" " oldest bridegroom,	46 "
" " " bride,	45 "
Under 20 years of age,	2 females.
Between 20 and 30 years of age;	8 males and 7 females
" 30 and 40 "	1 "
" 40 and 50 "	1 " 1 "

All of the persons married were native born.

Number of marriage certificates issued from this office, 10.

Marriages for the five preceding years:

1879,	1880,	1881,	1882,	1883,
13.	11.	12.	6.	17.

DEATHS BY MONTHS.

January,	1
February,	2
March,	2
April,	1
May,	1
June,	4
July,	2
August,	1
September,	1
October,	3
November,	4

Total,	22
Under 5 years of age,	1 male,
Between 5 and 10 years of age,	1 " 2 females.
" 10 " 20 "	2 " 1 "
" 20 " 30 "	1 " 2 "
" 30 " 40 "	1 " 2 "
" 40 " 50 "	2 " 4 "
" 50 " 60 "	1 " 1 "
" 60 " 78 "	8 14
" 70 " 80 "	
" 80 " 90 "	

The oldest persons deceased were one male, 84 years, 8 mos. and one female, 84 years, 1 month.

Death rate for the five preceding years :

1879,	1880,	1881,	1882,	1883,
25.	26.	23.	25.	29.

Causes of Death, Classified according to the Nomenclature Adopted by the State Board of Registration :

ZYMOTIC DISEASES.

Sciatica,	1
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CONSTITUTIONAL DISEASES.

Tabes Mesenterica,	1
Phthisis (Consumption Lungs),	4

LOCAL DISEASES.

Disease Liver,	1
Abscess Brain,	1
Spinal Sclerosis,	1
Pneumonia,	3
Disease Heart,	2
Pleurisy,	2
Convulsions,	1
Marasmus,	1
Atrophy and debility.	1

VIOLENT DEATHS.

Burns,	1
Suicide (poison)	1
Suicide (by cars),	1

STATEMENT OF THE DOG TAX ACCOUNT.

W. D. BILLINGS, Town Clerk, in account with the town of Hatfield.

Dr.

To cash received from Dec. 1, 1883, to Dec. 1, 1884,	
For Licenses of 40 dogs, at \$2 each,	\$80 00
Less Clerk's fees, at 20 cents each,	8 00
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	\$72 00

Cr.

Dec. 1, 1884,	
By cash paid Lewis Warner, County Treasurer,	\$72 00

The amount paid into the County Treasury on this account for the five previous years, was in

1879,	1880,	1881,	1882,	1883,
\$73.80.	\$77.40.	\$59.40.	\$63.00.	\$80.40.

There have been recorded during the year, 24 mortgages of personal property, 3 assignments of wages ; all other papers, 3.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. D. BILLINGS, Town Clerk.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

One change only has been made in teachers since the opening of the school year, Mary H. Warner retiring voluntarily from the West Hatfield school. Each school has been successful through its three terms.

The enthusiasm and progressive spirit shown by some of our teachers is worthy of commendation. Diligent efforts have been made in some of the schools to use more modern methods of teaching. The changes made have given freshness and interest, besides introducing in many instances intrinsically better methods.

The selection of teachers is the most important duty of the committee, for on the ability and earnestness of the teacher far more than on any other circumstance, depends the spirit and excellence of the school. From our own town and from the country towns around us only can we hope to retain the best talent the places afford, for any considerable time.

The wages paid for the past year, though small for the service we get in some of our schools, have served our purpose, so far as wages are concerned, in retaining this class of teachers.

An assistant has been employed at West Hatfield, both fall and winter terms, and till some better means of caring for the wants of this school are provided, the assistant through the year cannot well be dispensed with. No adequate relief, however, for the over-crowded condition of this school, in our opinion, can be had, except by providing another school room and grading the school.

Appended to this report will be found some observations and suggestions, kindly furnished by Mr. E. A. Hubbard, in response to an invitation from the chairman of the committee.

MUSIC.

The music has been in charge of a teacher of experience and ability. Below we give her report to us in full:

"Music as taught from the 'Tonic-Sol-Fa' system, in the schools of Hatfield, has been attended with the co-operation of the teachers and hearty enthusiasm on the part of the scholars.

"Attention has been given to Staff Music during the past term, the further advancement of which will necessitate the use of 'School Song Books' among the pupils."

MRS. D. E. SHATTUCK.

STATEMENT OF SCHOOLS, TEACHERS EMPLOYED &c.

HILL DISTRICT—GRAMMAR.

Miss Nellie A. Waite, Three Terms.

No. of scholars enrolled,	35
Average membership,	27 17-20
Average attendance,	23 19-90
No. of scholars over 15 years of age,	1
No. weeks school,	35
Amount paid as wages, \$245.00.	

HILL DISTRICT—PRIMARY.

Miss Julia E. Phelps, Three Terms.

No. of scholars enrolled,	49
Average membership,	38 1-3
Average attendance,	32 7-9
No. of scholars over 15 years of age,	0
No. weeks school,	34
Amount paid as wages, \$236.60.	

CENTER DISTRICT—GRAMMAR.

Miss Eunice J. Morton, Three Terms.

No. of scholars enrolled,	32
Average membership,	20 1-6
Average attendance,	17 17-60
No. of scholars over 15 years of age,	1
No. weeks school,	35
Amount paid as wages, \$245.00.	

CENTER DISTRICT—PRIMARY.

Miss Carrie L. Warner, Three Terms.

No. of scholars enrolled,	52
Average membership,	41 5-9
Average attendance,	36 1-2
No. weeks school,	35
Amount paid as wages, \$245.00.	

WEST BROOK DISTRICT.

Miss Martha D. Gardner, Three Terms.

No. of scholars enrolled,	37
Average membership,	29 1-10
Average attendance,	25 5-6
No. weeks school,	34
Amount paid as wages, \$238.	

WEST FARMS DISTRICT.

Miss Rosella E. Clark, Three Terms.

No. of scholars enrolled,	26
Average membership,	18 2-100
Average attendance,	16 22-100
No. of scholars over 15 years of age,	1
No. weeks school,	35
Amount paid as wages, \$245.00.	

WEST HATFIELD DISTRICT.

Miss Mary H. Warner, One Term. Mrs. Lizzie A. Kingman,
Two Terms.

No. of scholars enrolled,	56
Average membership,	51 32-45
Average attendance,	46 2-9
No. of scholars over 15 years of age,	2
No. weeks school,	34
Amount paid as wages, \$238.00.	
Amount paid assistant as wages, \$65.40.	

APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIPTS.

Balance unexpended last year,	\$ 9.07
Appropriated by the town,	1,800 00
Appropriated for music.	200 00
Received from State Fund,	168 47
Received from Dog Fund,	50 89
Received from Tuitions, Northampton,	36 00
Received from Tuitions, Whately,	20 00
	<hr/> \$2,284 43
Amount expended for teachers,	\$1,758 00
Wood and coal,	184 42
Care of school houses,	52 55
Dictionaries,	41 25
Music,	200 00
Balance unexpended,	48 21
	<hr/> \$2,284 43

No. of children between 5 and 15,	295
No. of scholars enrolled,	287
No. of scholars between 5 and 15,	282
No. of scholars between 8 and 14,	199
Average attendance in all the schools for the year,	198
No. of scholars over 15 years of age,	5

FREE TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

School books and supplies furnished by the town have thus far been prudently used. Pupils as a rule have been more careful of the town's books than of their own. Teachers have used special care to guard against loss or waste. Accurate accounts have been kept between teachers and the supply committee, and between teachers and each scholar. If anything is lost the responsible party can be at once discovered. Only three books have so far been found missing, and these were returned on application by the committee to the pupils to whom they were loaned.

The new law offers obvious advantages, besides the greater promptness and fullness with which pupils are supplied with books. The plan we have adopted of supplying scholars with readers from different series, and exchanging between schools, does away with the need of supplemental readers, besides overcoming the evil of classes being obliged to read from books which they have heard read by the classes in advance of them.

Enlightened teachers, moreover, who assign topics for study, instead of the pages of a text-book, and who rate the progress of their pupils by the information they gather from all sources, rather than from the number of paragraphs they can rehearse, will be pleased to find classes in Geography and History supplied with a variety of books, instead of as now with the same book alike for all.

The expenditure for books and supplies have been as follows :

Center Grammar, books and supplies,		\$38 50
Center Primary, " "		23 95
Hill Grammar, " "		18 97
Hill Primary, " "		11 35
West Brook, " "		20 90
West Farms, " "		21 81
West Hatfield, " "		35 50
Bay State Blanks,	\$1 95	
Stencil Plate,	1 75	
Labels,	1 75	
Journal,	65	6 10
Desk, books and paper,		4 29
Books and supplies on hand,		55 45
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Total expended,		\$236 82
Balance unexpended,		63 18
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		\$300 00

The disproportionate amount expended in the Center school, arises from the fact that a large class in arithmetic has been advanced to the higher book; also in the Primary school two classes in reading have advanced. A similar explanation might apply to the West Hatfield school.

The same appropriation as last year will probably suffice, viz., for Schools, \$1,800.00; for Books and Supplies, \$300.

C. M. BARTON,	} Committee.
E. A. HUBBARD,	
H. G. MOORE,	

REMARKS OF MR. HUBBARD.

At the request of the Chairman of the School Committee, I have consented to place in his hands, to be appended to his report, some observations and suggestions pertaining to our public schools. I do this with some reluctance, for my acquaintance with the schools is by no means thorough and complete.

Next in importance to the institutions and interests of religion in any town, are the educational interests, and these may well receive, as they certainly demand, the careful and thoughtful attention of all good citizens. There is much truth in the old adage, "As is the teacher so is the school," and because of its truth I will speak first of our teachers. They are faithful and earnest, and some of them manifest a genuine enthusiasm. This enthusiasm becomes an inspiration to their pupils, and the whole school is thoroughly alive. Such teachers gladly avail themselves of whatever opportunities for their improvement are afforded them by teachers' institutes, teachers' conventions, and educational publications. They do not hesitate to ask questions, lest they betray their own ignorance, but they seek help from every quarter, and when a better method than theirs is suggested, they make it their own, that they may successfully incorporate it into their work.

They seem to feel that one who has ceased to be a learner should cease to be a teacher. They have learned that keeping order, assigning lessons and hearing recitations, is not teaching. They maintain order, but it is that order which grows spontaneously out of the greater interest and the greater desire to know on the part of the pupil, coupled with the better instruction on the part of the teacher. They

assign lessons, not in that narrow sense of lessons to be committed to memory from this page to that, or from this article to that, but they give out a topic and tell the class where they can find something upon that topic in addition to what their text-book presents, and encourage them to look it up. They hear recitations, but not with text-book in hand, to furnish the questions to be asked, and to determine if the answers are correct, but to know with what success the pupils have pursued their investigations, and to that extent they have the power of expression.

The improvement in some particular branches is worthy of special notice.

And first in the reading. We can remember when the child read, or tried to, without any reference to the thought, simply naming the words in their proper order. So far as any ideas are concerned he might as well have named them in the reverse order, have read backwards. We remember also that when the child, by the help of the teacher, and by hearing others read the story, came to understand it, he was required to read it over and over again, till he had lost all interest in it, and became utterly careless in his reading. But this is no longer the case. The good teacher recognizes the fact that a child cannot read, in any just sense of that term, what he does not understand, hence the greater effort to make him comprehend the thought, and express that thought in his reading. Another thing conspires to the same end. The different schools have different series of readers, and when one school has read its series till the pupils are familiar with it, as the town owns all the books, they can be shifted from one school to another, and so fresh reading matter be supplied. This is an incidental advantage, and by no means a slight one, of the "Free Text Book Law."

Again in the Spelling. The spelling is now done largely

by writing, and not of words taken from what some one has called "nonsense columns," but from sentences. This secures not only correct spelling, for many a boy, and man too for that matter, will spell correctly in his oral spelling, but fail badly in writing, but also the meaning of the words spelled, and the proper use of them. In this way the child necessarily learns to write, and children now at the age of eight write better than those of twelve years of age did twenty years ago.

Closely connected with this is a great improvement in language. Technical Grammar is studied less in the lower grades of school, and the proper use of language, both oral and written, is sought after. In some of our schools geography is very well taught in connection with map-drawing,

Our schools do not suffer greatly from truancy, but they do from absenteeism, especially in the busy season. The parent who desires the labor of his boy, either for himself or for another, when there is a demand for that labor, does not rightly appreciate the injury the child sustains by being kept out of school. If the planting of his corn, or the setting of his tobacco is delayed in the spring, and as a consequence the crop is blackened by the frost in the Autumn; if he loses a horse, or a cow, and must buy another, or if he is sick and must hire help, his loss has a money value easy to estimate, but there is no yard-stick by which he can measure; there are no scales by which he can weigh, and so estimate the loss his boy sustains by his absence from school. He may possibly feel that this is a free country, and that these are free schools, and that the father has a right to keep his own boy at home for the father's convenience or for his advantage, but he forgets that he inflicts an injury upon the schools, as well as upon his boy, and that if he wishes to avail himself of the privileges of our free schools he is bound to so avail himself of them that they shall not be less a priv-

ilege to others. I would bespeak, therefore, as constant an attendance as circumstances will permit, and as the best results require.

The schools would be improved by a closer and better supervision than the committee are disposed to furnish, and I therefore bespeak for them a greater interest and a greater watchfulness on the part of the parents and of the people. The schools belong to the people, not to the parents. The people elect their School Committee, raise the money and pay the taxes, and the parents enjoy the privilege of educating their children at the public expense. They would naturally feel a greater interest in the schools than those who have no children there, but this interest does not constitute ownership, nor give control. The schools are the people's and the people are responsible for them. Allow me then to urge my fellow citizens to cherish fondly and guard carefully the public schools; to make cheerfully all needed appropriations; and show their interest in them by occasional visits to them.

Respectfully,

E. A. HUBBARD.

LIST OF BOOKS PURCHASED FOR THE HATFIELD
PUBLIC LIBRARY, 1884-85.

Norston's Rest.
 Life of Charles Jewett.
 The Complete Home.
 The Only One.
 A Country Doctor.
 Being a Boy.
 John Bull and his Island.
 Bonnie Leslie.
 The Life of Thurlow Weed, 2 volumes.
 Mignon.
 Maud Percy's Secret.
 Tinkling Cymbals.
 Rutherford.
 St. Elmo.
 Heart of Africa.
 There was Once a Man.
 A Family Flight through Spain.
 Profitable Poultry Keeping.
 Doctor Sevier.
 Her Washington Season.
 Border Beagles and Charlemont.
 Beauchamp.
 Guy Rivers and Richard Hurdis.
 Kitty's Conquest.
 Where the Battle was Fought.
 Pioneers of the Western Reserve.
 History of the 37th Massachusetts Regiment.
 Life and Labor in the Far West.

A Young Girl's Wooing.
 Pretty Lucy Merwin.
 Square and Compasses.
 Ned in the Woods.
 Ned on the River.
 Old Caravan Days.
 Farnell's Folly.
 Out of the Wreck.
 The Yenasee.
 Woodcraft.
 The Foragers.
 The Successful Merchant.
 Stephen Archer.
 Life and Times of Fred Douglass.
 Hans Brinker.
 On a Mexican Mustang through Texas.
 Dr. Grattan.
 The Boys of '61.
 How the Farm Pays.
 Harper's Magazine, 1884, 2 volumes.
 Atlantic Magazine, 1884, 2 volumes.
 Century Magazine, 1884, 2 volumes.
 Acts of the Anti-Slavery Apostles.
 Life at Puget Sound.
 The Liquor Problem.
 Gustavus Adolphus.
 The Merchant Vessel.
 Man of War Life.
 Wonders of the Railway.
 Ramona.
 The Red Wall Flower.
 The Making of a Man.
 An Appeal to Ceasar.
 Madam.
 Protection in the United States.

The Building of a Nation.
The Mystery of the Locks.
In War Times.
Noble Blood.
At the World's Mercy.
In the Tennessee Mountain.
End of a Coil.
Nobody.
Ziz-zag Journeys in Acadia.
Farm and Garden Topics.
Donald and Dorothy.
The Academy Boys.
Life of Chinese Gordon.
Self Effort.

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS,
OF THE
TOWN OF HATFIELD,

For the Year Ending March 1, 1886.



NORTHAMPTON, MASS.:
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1886.

ARTICLES IN THE WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING
TO BE HELD MARCH 15, 1886.

ARTICLE 1.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2.—To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year, including one person for a member of the School Committee for three years.

ART. 3.—To choose an Elector under the will of the late Oliver Smith, Esq.

ART. 4.—To revise and accept the list of jurors as submitted by the Selectmen.

ART. 5.—To hear the reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer and School Committee, and act thereon.

ART. 6.—To receive and pass on Town accounts.

ART. 7.—To take action in relation to raising money to defray the necessary expenses of the Town for the ensuing year.

ART. 8.—To see what method the Town will adopt for the maintenance and repairs of highways and bridges the ensuing year.

ART. 9.—To see what action the Town will take in relation to the prompt payment of taxes the ensuing year.

ART. 10.—To see if the Town will raise money to pay the outstanding debts of the Town.

ART. 11.—To see if the Town will make an appropriation for the public library, and choose a committee for the same.

ART. 12.—To take action in relation to the support of the poor for the ensuing year.

ART. 13.—To see if the Town will make an appropriation to defray the expenses of celebrating "Memorial Day."

ART. 14.—To take action under Chapter 100, Section 5, of the Public Statutes. The vote must be by separate ballots, yes, or no, in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?"

ART. 15.—To see if the Town will pay a bounty for the killing of noxious animals and birds.

ART. 16.—To see if the Town will employ a teacher of music in the schools.

ART. 17.—To see what action the Town will take in relation to the railroad crossings in the Town, and to act on all matters between the Town and the railroads running through the Town.

ART. 18.—To see if the Town will take action in relation to the cemeteries in the Town.

ART. 19.—To see if the Town will re-imburse E. A. Hubbard for any portion of the expense incurred by him in laying a drain in the highway near his house.

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Sanby Ann Records

1857. L.H. Morton apptd

Wagon master to haul fuel

from the mountain in 17.

Selectmen's Report.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Hatfield :

In accordance with directions given by the Town, the Assessors apportioned the money appropriated for the ordinary repairs of highways and bridges among the several highway districts. The South Center district was given \$150, the North Center, \$100, the Hill \$125, West Hatfield \$90, West Farms \$90, and West Brook \$100, leaving \$95 to be re-distributed. The surveyors in the districts where the appropriations have been over-run, notified the Selectmen when the amount of their appropriations were expended, as provided by law, and after that time made only the repairs that public safety demanded.

We at last have solved the problem of draining Main street. The unusual rainfall of this season has thoroughly tested the Surveyor's work in that district.

We have found that in the repairs of bridges we must be guided to some extent, by the actual needs of expenditure in that department, rather than by the amount appropriated. We have built a large, and quite expensive bridge at Brook Hollow, rebuilt Mill bridge, practically making it a new bridge; another across Mill river beyond the saw-mill at West Hatfield, and made quite extensive repairs on others. It hardly seems as if so much money would be needed in this department the coming year.

We have exceeded the appropriation for paupers by \$157.18. By a careful examination of the returns from the cities and towns

of the State, we find that we are boarding our full support paupers at a rate a little lower than the average. We have paid quite a sum to other towns for persons living in those towns, but settled in Hatfield; but this only after careful examination

As no Board of Health has been chosen in this Town, the Selectmen have acted in that capacity as required by law. We have in our experience in efforts for the suppression of contagious diseases, found that it is desirable that the inhabitants of the Town should be more familiar with the laws on the subject.

We append Sec. 1, Chap. 98, of the Acts of 1884.

SEC. 1.—When a householder knows that a person within his family is sick of small pox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, *or any other disease dangerous to the public health*, he shall immediately give notice to the Selectmen or Board of Health of the town in which he dwells, and upon the death, recovery, or removal of such person, the rooms occupied and the articles used by him shall be disinfected by such householder in a manner approved by the Board of Health. Any person neglecting or refusing to comply with either of the above provisions, shall forfeit a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars.

OLD BILLS.

Leander Cooley, labor on highways,	\$ 11 75
E. A. Briggs, labor on highways,	1 50
Philip Carl, labor on highways,	4 75
L. S. Crafts, labor on highways,	9 90
C. B. Dickinson, labor on highways,	5 00
H. Shumway, labor on highways,	11 75
Eurotas Morton,	4 25
E. W. Field,	4 65
Nelson Allair, labor on bridges,	6 00
John Sheehan, labor on bridges.	4 50
John Steele, labor on bridges,	4 00
Joseph S. Newman, balance labor on highways and bridges,	50 00
Joseph S. Newman, repairs, bridges of N. H. & N. Co. R. R.,	22 50
Mrs. Lucy L. Morton, lumber for bridges,	4 39
Eurotas Morton, lumber for bridges,	9 40
Oscar Belden, wood for schools,	6 00
Joseph Vollenger, services as janitor,	3 50
Wm. H. Dickinson, services as R. R. committee,	25 00
Thaddeus Graves services as R. R. committee,	25 00
Thaddeus Graves, legal services, case Rosamond Bardwell,	5 00
Thaddeus Graves, wood for library,	6 00
Smith & Dwight, coal for Mrs. Kennedy,	6 93
John E. Doane, wood for Mrs. Kennedy,	2 25
Thos. M. Dea, board of Barney McHugh,	29 00
Eurotas Morton, lodging tramp,	1 00
	<hr/> \$ 273 72

PAUPERS.

Mary Wheeler, board of Letty Wheeler,	78 00
N. L. Hospital, board of Catherine Tobin,	181 93
N. L. Hospital, board of A. M. Richmond,	184 77
Michael Flavin, board of Tobin children,	180 00
Wm. W. Field, board of Charles Morton,	158 00

Theodore Baggs, board of Barney McHugh,	\$92 00	
John Goodchild, board of Barbara Goodchild,	50 75	
John Goodchild, cash for burial of Barbara Goodchild, •	20 00	
Betsey Goodchild, support of Barbara Goodchild,	3 00	
City of Springfield, support of Barbara Goodchild,	47 96	
Michael Boyle, board of M. Ryan,	72 00	
John Karin, board of M. Ryan,	16 00	
Mary Waite, cash for support,	20 00	
Wm. H. Dickinson, cash, house rent, Mary Waite,	24 00	
Mrs. T. Graves, house rent, P. Doppman,	56 00	
State of Mass., board of Penny Wheeler,	12 86	
City of Boston, support of James E. Messer,	25 61	
City of Northampton, support of Mrs. Joseph Martin's child,	20 90	
City of Northampton, burial of Geo. Vollinger's child,	6 50	
Clifford Russell, board of Patrick Russell,	61 00	
E. M. Martin, clothes for Charles Morton,	4 55	
J. H. Howard, shoes for Barney McHugh,	1 50	
Theodore Baggs, lodging tramps,	37 00	
Martin Lyons, lodging tramps,	1 00	
Clark & Parsons, medicine,	85	
Chas. K. Morton, cash,	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,357 18
To be reimbursed by state and town of Wenham:		
Mrs. Alvira M. Dodge, cash for support,	30 00	
Smith & Dwight, coal,	14 74	
D. A. Horton, coal,	7 16	
Chas. K. Morton, drawing coal,	1 50	
John E. Doane, wood,	22 50	
Wm. H. Dickinson, house rent,	24 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 99 90
J. H. Howard, groceries, Mrs. W. Stone,	\$21 00	
W. J. Lyons, butcher's meat,	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$22 00

SCHOOLS.

Miss Carrie L. Warner, teaching,	\$252 00
“ Eunice J. Morton, “	154 00
“ Nellie A. Waite, “	252 00
“ Hattie L. Haven, “	245 70
“ Martha D. Gardner, “	245 00
“ Carrie C. Cutter, “	216 00
“ Annie E. Bourne, “	175 00
“ Minnie A. Bourne, “	163 85
Mrs. Lizzie Kingman, “	77 00
Miss Gertrude Strong, “	33 00
“ Kate Wells, “	21 00
“ Lilian A. Brown, “	65 80
George Porter, services as janitor,	21 00
Eddie Breor, “ “	10 00
Minnie Smith, “ “	10 00
Carrie L. Smith, “ “	10 00
Barney McHugh, “ “	4 00
Mary Bolize, “ “	2 50
Archie P. Graves, “ “	4 35
Harry Barnes, “ “	3 00
Eugene S. Strong, “ “	3 20
Willie Abbott, “ “	1 25
Lawrence Powers, “ “	2 00
Eugene Jubenville, “ “	3 50
Smith & Dwight, coal,	79 07
E. M. Martin, coal,	35 38
Dr. C. M. Barton, cash for drawing coal,	5 04
H. G. Moore, cash for fuel,	8 35
A. L. Strong, wood,	3 00
Lawrence Powers, sawing wood,	2 00
Frank A. Cutter, sawing wood,	2 50
Geo. E. Barton, “ “	2 50
Geo. W. Carleton, services as janitor,	2 00
	<hr/> \$ 2,114 94

MUSIC IN SCHOOLS.

Mrs. D. E. Shattuck, teaching,	\$162 00	
S. E. Bridgman & Co., books,	36 16	
H. G. Moore, cash for books,	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 199 16

SCHOOL BOOKS.

S. E. Bridgman & Co.,	\$293 66	
D. Appleton & Co.,	6 34	
	<hr/>	\$ 300 00

HIGHWAYS.

SOUTH CENTER DISTRICT.

D. W. Wells, surveyor,	\$31 42
John Kiley, labor,	15 30
Sanford S. Sanderson,	1 25
Nicholas Powers,	1 87
James Mullins,	2 50
Robert McGrath,	1 87
D. W. Wells, men and team,	11 60
Thomas Nolan,	1 87
Jacob Carl,	9 03
Chas. K. Morton,	14 81
Frederick Pease,	9 37
Patrick Boyle,	4 25
D. P. Morton,	9 75
E. S. Warner,	5 68
Mrs. Nancy D. Billings,	5 75
John Vollenger,	4 75
F. H. Bardwell,	9 62
John Steele,	1 25
John Powers,	2 50
J. S. Wells,	7 99
John McHugh,	3 11
Michael O'Dea,	1 25
Henry Steingline,	2 50

Edwin Burt,	\$4 50	
C. L. & R. H. Cowles,	9 40	
David Billings,	9 00	
Wm. P. Allis, labor and lumber,	5 05	
Mark Kiley,	3 75	
Adam Doppman,	1 25	
S. G. Hubbard,	7 00	
Roswell Billings,	1 25	
Elisha Hubbard, labor and earth,	5 75	
	<hr/>	\$ 206 29

NORTH CENTER DISTRICT.

Frederick Carl surveyor,		
Edwin Brainard,	\$3 25	
John O'Neil,	1 25	
John B. Ryan,	2 25	
John Karin,	1 25	
Wm. P. Allis, labor and lumber,	6 90	
Marble Hamill,	4 00	
Geo. W. Smith,	1 62	
James Breor,	10 60	
A. M. Peck,	1 02	
Edward Proulx,	9 00	
Levi L. Pease,	8 25	
Wm. H. Dickinson,	19 50	
	<hr/>	\$ 69 79

HILL DISTRICT,

Patrick Mullanny, surveyor,	\$78 89	
Patrick Mullanny, labor with horse,	11 45	
John McGrath, labor,	12 06	
Anthony Allair,	1 87	
David Fitzgerald,	2 00	
Joseph Baker,	7 50	
James Porter,	12 00	
E. S. Warner,	4 50	
Michael Larkin,	9 99	

Wm. M. Jones,	\$18 80	
H. Shumway,	27 00	
Robert McGrath,	1 87	
Alfred Breor,	9 75	
Henry Goodchild,	1 50	
Moses Kingsley,	5 52	
L. S. Dyer,	3 00	
Thaddeus Graves, labor and earth,	19 50	
J. D. Porter,	12 10	
Thos. Whalen,	1 87	
A. H. Graves,	22 24	
Samuel P. Billings,	4 52	
John Gendron,	3 22	
Moses E. Warner,	13 62	
Nelson Allair,	2 25	
Chas. E. Kingsley,	63	
John T. Fitch,	9 00	
M. N. Hubbard,	1 25	
	<hr/>	\$ 297 84

WEST HATFIELD DISTRICT.

Peter Saffer, surveyor,	\$50 31	
E. S. Strong,	9 75	
George Dennis,	1 25	
Frank Newman,	3 13	
Philip Carl,	1 63	
Joseph S. Newman,	17 62	
Henry Dwight,	3 00	
Lawrence Doppman,	1 15	
J. A. Cutter,	3 75	
	<hr/>	\$ 91 69

WEST FARMS DISTRICT.

Albert H. Marsh, surveyor,	\$22 50
Leander Cooley, labor,	15 62
Belden Brothers,	5 50
Eurotas Morton,	6 05
L. E. Bartlett,	1 62

David Powers,	\$10 61	
O. S. Graves,	2 25	
H. G. Moore,	8 12	
H. H. Field,	8 88	
A. S. Jones & Sons,	12 65	
E. F. Cooley,	4 50	
C. D. Bartlett,	4 25	
C. W. Marsh,	3 25	
	<hr/>	\$ 105 75

WEST BROOK DISTRICT.

Henry R. Graves, surveyor,	29 34	
L. S. Crafts, labor,	10 60	
W. S. Briggs,	4 27	
Dwight Morton,	1 88	
Michael Clancy,	3 25	
Horace Waite,	2 33	
C. W. Wolfram,	4 50	
John Fitzgibbons,	4 50	
Morris Fitzgibbons,	1 25	
George Englehart,	1 25	
	<hr/>	\$ 63 17

BRIDGES.

George Vollinger,	\$1 50	
Patrick Boyle, Jr.,	3 25	
George Saffer,	2 75	
John Maxwell, lumber,	326 14	
James Mullins, labor,	19 62	
Lawrence Vollenger,	2 59	
J. H. Howard, spikes,	5 07	
Patrick Boyle,	2 50	
Mrs. Lucy L. Morton, lumber,	5 40	
Patrick Mullanny,	9 00	
Fred Clevy,	10 50	
Nicholas Powers,	2 50	
C. W. White,	17 00	
B. P. Dole,	5 00	

Joseph Baker,	\$5 75
Champion B. Dickinson, lumber,	63 12
George Dennis,	3 75
John Sheehan,	11 25
Peter Statter,	4 00
P. Doppman,	8 00
Joseph Statter,	3 90
John Boyle,	2 07
James Porter,	6 50
S. W. Kingsley,	3 10
Chas. K. Morton, labor and lumber,	27 50
Wm. M. Jones, labor,	9 00
Joseph S. Newman, labor,	15 28
Joseph S. Newman, stone,	2 00
George Bitner, labor,	2 25
John Kiley, “	10 00
H. Shumway, drawing plank,	2 00
John E. Doane, labor and lumber,	2 50
F. G. Bardwell, “	12 49
Michael O’Dea, “	2 25
John Chandler, “	4 38
Peter Saffer, “	28 25
Edmund Powers, “	1 25
Chas. Carson, “	1 56
N. Day & Bros., lumber,	36 20
F. W. Prince, labor,	3 00
E. M. Martin, spikes,	60
D. J. Wright, “	70
Eurotas Morton, labor and lumber,	25 71
S. G. Hubbard, “	4 50
E. S. Strong, “	4 88
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	\$ 720 57

SPECIAL REPAIRS, HIGHWAYS.

Samuel Snell, drain pipe,	45 50
Chas. E. Clapp, grate for drain,	2 25
J. A. Sullivan, cement,	1 50
Michael O’Dea, labor,	3 75

John Kiley, labor,	\$5 75	
Conn. River R. R. freight on drain pipe,	3 85	
John Sheehan, labor,	5 00	
Mary L. Hubbard, earth,	12 00	
George C. Marsh, labor and earth,	10 00	
Belden Bros.,	13 50	
Michael Larkin,	1 00	
Wells W. Ayer & Co., powder and fuse,	1 70	
Eurotas Morton,	3 37	
	<hr/>	\$ 109 17

HIGHWAYS, WEST HATFIELD, (SPECIAL REPAIRS).

Peter Saffer, labor,	\$14 38	
Lawrence Vollenger,	2 50	
John Steele,	2 50	
John Batzold,	3 13	
A. L. Strong,	6 50	
Frank Newman,	2 88	
William Carson,	1 50	
Peter Statter,	3 00	
Charles Carson,	2 50	
John Vollenger,	6 50	
Philip Carl,	10 00	
John Chandler,	4 00	
E. S. Strong,	3 25	
Joseph Newman,	12 25	
John Steingline,	2 50	
Edmund Powers,	9 00	
Lawrence Doppman,	6 50	
	<hr/>	\$ 92 89

STATE AID.

Mrs. U. B. Graves,	\$12 00	
Mrs. Minerva Anderson,	52 00	
Mrs. Elizabeth Covill,	48 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 112 00

SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS, WEST HATFIELD.

C. N. Harlow & Co.,	\$395 58	
O. D. Case & Co., seats,	122 31	
A. L. Strong, cash for freight,	3 46	
	<hr/>	\$ 521 35

SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS AND SUPPLIES.

J. H. Howard supplies,	\$10 99	
Mrs. John Ryan, cleaning,	15 00	
D. Appleton & Co., supplies,	5 40	
Milton Bradley Co.,	2 70	
J. W. Kingsley, repairs,	6 50	
L. J. Powers, “	26 04	
Wm. Daugherty, repairs,	4 40	
John E. Doane, repairs,	1 00	
C. N. Harlow & Co., blackboards,	12 69	
E. M. Martin, supplies,	15	
John Springer, “	2 54	
H. G. Moore, cash for supplies,	2 45	
Dr. C. M. Barton, supplies,	21 49	
W. L. Smith & Co., desk,	12 00	
J. R. & R. W. Sackett, chairs,	12 60	
Mrs. T. Porter, cleaning,	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 136 95

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

E. F. Billings, serving warrants etc.,	\$12 00
E. F. Billings, Assessor,	61 23
Henry R. Graves,	59 37
John T. Fitch,	59 13
W. D. Billings, Town Clerk,	50 00
W. D. Billings, Registrar of voters,	25 00
Samuel P. Billings, Registrar of voters,	12 50
Dr. C. M. Barton, School Committee,	50 00
D. W. Wells, Elector,	10 00
Wm. Barnes, Constable,	5 00

Chas. K. Morton, Selectman 1884,	\$125 00	
Eurotas Morton, " "	58 00	
R. P. Smith, " "	50 00	
William C. Dickinson, Treasurer,	50 00	
Charles L Graves, Tax Collector,	150 00	
	————	\$ 777 23

LIBRARY.

E. F. Billings, salary as librarian and cash,	\$25 10	
E. F. Billings, cash for cleaning,	2 25	
Henry Childs, binding books,	38 00	
W. P. Allis, drawing wood,	1 00	
Philos Doane, sawing wood,	50	
R. M. Woods, cash for books,	7 50	
	————	\$ 74 35

MEMORIAL DAY EXPENSES.

D. W. Wells, for committee,	\$50 00
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MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS.

Wade, Warner & Co., printing town reports and license ballots,	\$43 50
Chas. K. Morton, expense to Boston,	9 00
A. M. Peck, labor in cemetery,	12 75
Gazette Printing Co., order book,	3 79
S. W. Kingsley, repairs road scraper,	1 25
L. S. Crafts, care of water trough,	5 00
W. D. Billings, cash for blank books,	6 50
H. Shumway, express on books,	3 30
Wm. Daugherty, painting guide boards,	3 50
R. B. Davis & Son, trimming hearse,	43 14
A. M. Peck, returning deaths,	5 50
A. M. Peck, taking hearse to Northampton,	1 00
W. R. Kinsman, headstones for soldiers' graves,	30 00
E. C. Davis, one-half cost surveying Whately line and record,	20 00
E. C. Davis, taking level Main street,	5 00

E. C. Davis, one-half cost re-setting stone North-	
ampton line,	\$2 50
S. E. Bridgman & Co., blank books and station-	
ery,	5 88
W. G. Bassett, legal services and consultation,	11 00
W. G. Bassett, cash for term fees Everett case,	15 00
Morris Fitzgibbons, building water trough,	5 00
N. T. Abells, mowing cemetery West Hatfield,	1 00
Town of Whately, one-half cost line stone,	4 75
Charles K. Morton, labor and expenses running	
town line,	4 37
Chas. K. Morton, postage, etc.,	3 25
Wm. D. Billings, obtaining, copying and record-	
ing births, marriage and deaths,	23 35
Wm. D. Billings, postage and stationery,	1 38
E. F. Billings, expenses to Boston to the hearing	
before the Board of Appeal in tax case,	12 00
W. C. Dickinson, cash for bounties,	47 40
	————— \$ 330 10

Respectfully Submitted,

CHAS. K. MORTON,	}	Selectmen of Hatfield.
EUROTAS MORTON,		
RICHARD P. SMITH,		

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen for the year ending March 1st, 1886, and have found them correct, with proper vouchers on file for all warrants drawn amounting to eight thousand one hundred twenty-five dollars and four cents (\$8,125.04). Of this amount there are orders for ten hundred eighty-five dollars and seventy-nine cents (\$1085.79), which have not been presented to the Treasurer for payment.

C. S. SHATTUCK, Auditor.

HATFIELD, Mass., March 6, 1886.

Appropriations for 1885.

Highways and Bridges,	\$750 00
Highways and bridges, special repairs,	500 00
Highways repairs road Pantry,	100 00
Repairs School-house Pantry,	500 00
Enforcement license law,	100 00
Schools,	1,950 00
School Books,	300 00
Schools, Music,	225 00
Poor,	1,200 00
Contingencies,	500 00
Town Officers,	900 00
Town Debt,	1,000 00
Memorial Day,	50 00
Public Library,	200 00
Interest,	200 00
Headstones for soldiers' graves,	50 00
	<hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> \$8,525 00

Jury List Reported by the Selectmen.

MICHAEL LARKIN,	J. E. PORTER,
CHAS. E. HUBBARD,	THOS. M. DEA,
ALPHEUS COWLES,	DANIEL W. WELLS,
JOSEPH S. WELLS,	CHAS. L. COWLES,
PETER SAFFER,	PHILIP CARL,
JOHN E. DOANE,	EUGENE I. MORTON,
PATRICK MULLANNY,	CHARLES L. WARNER,
ALBERT H. WEBBER.	

Treasurer's Report.

WM. C. DICKINSON, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN
OF HATFIELD.

DR.

To balance from old account,		\$489 23
To cash rec'd from C. L. Graves, collector,	\$1,293 49	
A. L. Strong, "	8,622 18	
National Bank Tax,	1,385 85	
Corporation Tax,	322 70	
Income of School Fund,	216 80	
State Aid,	152 00	
Dog Fund,	77 32	
Town of Hadley, for ferry		
boat,	41 25	
City of Northampton,		
tuition,	27 00	
Support of state paupers,		
temporary,	20 00	
J. T. Fitch, overpay as As-		
sessor,	12 00	
Rent of Town Hall.	10 00	
Support of State paupers,	7 80	

D. W. Wells, from memorial	
day appropriation,	\$6 50
County 1-2 cost line stone,	3 75
A. M. Peck, sale of burial	
lots,	1 00
	<hr/> \$12,199 64

TO CASH RECEIVED FROM LOANS.

State Treasurer, 3 7-8 per cent.,	\$1,500 00
" " 3 3-4 " "	1,500 00
" " 4 1-4 " "	1,000 00
	<hr/> \$ 4,000 00

CASH RECEIVED FROM TEMPORARY LOANS.

Hampshire Savings Bank, 4 1-2 per cent.,	500 00
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	\$17,188 87

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By cash paid Selectmen's orders,	\$7,039 25
Old orders, 1884-85,	266 88
" " 1883-84,	50 00
County Tax,	1,492 15
State Tax,	900 00
Interest on notes,	272 31
Insurance,	200 00
	<hr/> \$10,220 59

BY CASH PAID ON LOANS.

State Treasurer,	\$1,500 00
" "	1,500 00
Hampshire Savings Bank,	1,000 00
" " "	1,000 00
	<hr/> \$5,000 00

CASH PAID ON TEMPORARY LOANS.

Hampshire Savings Bank,	500 00
Balance in Treasury,	\$1,468 28
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	\$17,188 87

IN ACCOUNT WITH C. L. GRAVES, COLLECTOR.

Dr.

To Cash received,	\$1,293 49	
Order of abatement,	44 57	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,338 06

Cr.

By Balance from old account,	\$1,304 10	
Interest on Taxes,	33 96	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,338 06

IN ACCOUNT WITH A. L. STRONG, COLLECTOR.

Dr.

To Cash received,	\$8,622 18	
Discount on Taxes,	236 31	
Orders of abatement,	42 40	
	<hr/>	\$ 8,900 89
Balance uncollected Taxes,		496 96
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		\$9,397 85

Cr.

By Assessors' Warrant,	\$9,378 36	
Interest on Taxes,	19 49	
	<hr/>	\$ 9,397 85

SUMMARY.

State Treasurer's Note, due April 7, 1886,	\$1,500 00	
“ “ “ “ June 1, 1886,	1,500 00	
Hampshire Savings Bank Note,	1,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 4000 00
Outstanding Orders,		1,085 79
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		\$5,085 79
Cash in Treasury,	\$1,468 28	
Uncollected Taxes,	496 96	

Due from State and military aid,	\$112 00	
City of Northampton, Smith Char-		
ties tax,	123 53	
Town of Wenham, support of Mrs.		
Dodge,	90 90	
Tuition Northampton and Whately		
scholars,	36 00	
	————	\$ 2,327 67
Balance against the Town,		\$2,758 12

WM. C. DICKINSON, Treasurer.

I have this day examined the books and vouchers of the Treasurer, and found them correct.

C. S. SHATTUCK, Auditor.

HATFIELD, Mass., March 6, 1886.

Town Clerk's Report.

To the Selectmen of the Town of Hatfield:

GENTLEMEN:—Herewith I present to you my annual report.
The vital statistics are as follows: .

BIRTHS BY MONTHS.

	NO.	MALES.	FEMALES
January,	2		2
February,	6	4	2
March,	4	2	2
May,	4	3	1
June,	2	1	1
July,	3	3	
August,	3	1	2
September,	1		1
October,	3	1	2
November,	3	1	2
December,	1	1	
Total,	32	17	15

PARENTAGE.

Native born, 20 ; Foreign born, 6. Foreign born father and native born mother, 3. Foreign born mother and native born father, 3.

Birth rate for five previous years :

1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.	1884.
37	33	24	27	33

MARRIAGES BY MONTHS.

January,	1
April,	2
May,	1
June,	1
September,	1
October,	2
November,	1

Total,	9
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First marriage of both parties,	6
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Second marriage of both parties,	2
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Third marriage of male, first of female,	1
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Age youngest bridegroom,	22 years.
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Age oldest bridegroom,	74 "
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Age youngest bride,	19 "
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Age oldest bride,	62 "
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Of the whole number married there were :

Under 20 years of age,	1 female.
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Between 20 and 30 years of age,	4 males, 4 females.
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30 and 40	" "	2	"	1	"
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50 and 60	" "	1	"	2	"
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60 and 70	" "	2	"	1	"
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Of the persons married,

6 couples were native born

1 couple were foreign born.

1 couple male foreign born, female native.

1 couple male native born, female foreign

No. of marriage certificates issued from this office, 8.

Marriages for the five previous years :

1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.	1884.
11	12	6	17	10

DEATHS BY MONTHS.

January,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
February,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
March,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
April,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
May,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
June,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
July,	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
August,	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
September,	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
October,	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
November,	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
December,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1

Total, 24

	Males.	Females.
Under 5 years of age,	5	4
Between 5 and 10 years of age,	1	
“ 20 “ 30 “		1
“ 30 “ 40 “		2
“ 40 “ 50 “	2	1
“ 50 “ 60 “	3	
“ 60 “ 70 “		1
“ 70 “ 80 “	1	1
“ 80 “ 90 “	1	1
	13	11

The oldest persons deceased were one male, 86 years, and one female 89 years old.

Of the number deceased, 16 were native, and 8 foreign born.

Death rate for the five previous years :

1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.	1884.
26	23	25	29	22

Causes of death classified according to the nomenclature adopted by the State Board of Registration:

ZYMOTIC DISEASES.

Typhoid Fever,	1
Intermittent Fever,	1
Metria,	1

CONSTITUTIONAL DISEASES.

Phthisis, (Consumption of Lungs),	4
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LOCAL DISEASES.

Peritonitis,	1
Disease of Heart,	1
Disease of Spleen,	1
Pneumonia,	2

DEVELOPMENTAL DISEASES.

Atrophy and Debility,	1
Malformation,	1
Infantile Debility,	3
Stillborn,	2
Old Age,	3

VIOLENT DEATHS.

Drowning,	1
Suicide, (Drowning),	1
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STATEMENT OF THE DOG TAX ACCOUNT.

W. D. BILLINGS, Town Clerk, in account with the Town of Hatfield:

Dr.

To cash received from Dec. 1, 1884, to Dec.
1, 1885, for license of 46 dogs, (males)
at \$2 each,

\$92 00

To cash received for license of 2 dogs, (females) at \$5 each,	\$10 00
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	\$102 00
Less Clerk's fees, 48 at 20 cents each,	9 60
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	\$92 40

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By cash paid Lewis Warner, County Treasurer, \$92 40

Amount paid the County Treasurer on this account for the five preceding years :

1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.	1884.
\$77.40.	\$59.40.	\$63.00.	\$80.40.	\$72.00.

There have been recorded in the Town Clerk's office during the year, forty mortgages of personal property, 5 assignments of wages ; all other papers 2.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. BILLINGS, Town Clerk.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Fellow Citizens:

The schools have been maintained thirty-six weeks the last year at an aggregate cost, including the expense for music and books, of about \$2650.

The number of persons in town May 1, 1885, between the ages of five and fifteen years was 262, between the ages of eight and fourteen years was 167. The number of pupils in the schools some part of the year, that is, the entire membership, was 268. The average membership was 211, and the average attendance was 182. Comparing the enumeration (262), with the entire membership, (268), the numbers are nearly equal, that is, about as many persons were in our schools at least for one day, as were found in the enumeration, May 1. Comparing the *average* membership (211) with the *entire* membership (263) and it appears that quite a large number of pupils attend school only a part of the year. Comparing the average *attendance*, (182), with the average *membership* (211), and a great loss appears from the occasional absences, the irregular attendance, but this comparison by no means expresses the loss from this source.

Every teacher understands the injury inflicted upon a school by this occasional absence. When the absentee returns, if he is

to retain his place in his class, extra labor must be bestowed upon him, and the class must wait for him till he has recovered his lost ground, or advance more slowly, and lose their time little by little. The subjects are so related oftentimes that his lack of knowledge of one makes it impossible for him to comprehend the next. The experience of years has suggested to teachers no way of overcoming the evil of absenteeism. In this town they have been unable to secure more regular attendance, and out of school study, or extra work in school has not succeeded in fitting their absentees to proceed with their classes. Indeed, the high pressure under which our schools are now run, makes it more and more difficult to recover the ground lost. To assist those pupils, who, from absence at the beginning of the term, or from irregular attendance, or from frequent dismissals before the close of the sessions, or those who from any cause, need more time and assistance from the teachers, in order that they may not lose their places in their classes, the committee propose, for the coming spring term, to dismiss regular attendants at 3 p. m., instead of 4 as now, and give the hour from 3 to 4 to those who specially need help. Regular school hours will be as now from 9 to 12, and from 1 to 4. Any or all classes will be expected to remain till 4 at the discretion of the teachers. All absentees will attend the hour from 3 to 4 in all cases, until they are prepared to go on profitably with their classes, and those not entering the school at the beginning of the term, may be assisted at this hour to join existing classes, and any others needing special assistance.

The town maintains eight schools, and the average number of pupils to a school is twenty-six and a fraction. The loss from non-membership is 57 out of 268, and from non-attendance is 29 out of 211, a loss greater than the average for three schools, a loss of more than 37 1-2 per cent, or in dollars and cents, of \$1000. This is as real a loss as an investment in Massachusetts Central railway stock, or in many of the gold and silver mines. It is none the less a loss because the town can continue and must. continue to make appropriations for the support of its schools. The loss from non-membership cannot be prevented by legal measures, for the compulsory law requires only two-thirds of the persons included in the enumeration to attend school at all, and

that two-thirds for only five-ninths of the time our schools are kept. We therefore bespeak the moral force of all friends of education and of the entire community, that motives may be brought to bear upon parents and guardians, to secure the attendance of their wards in our schools the entire year. Perhaps the child's need of an education, and the father's obligation to accept it for his child when freely offered, may secure his presence in the school, and possibly the need of a dinner or of help upon the farm may be more pressing, certainly less remote, than the need of the multiplication table in the far off future.

The loss arising from irregular attendance and dismissals is more nearly within the reach of the school committee. They have the control of the schools, and therefore when a pupil comes into a school, he passes out from under the authority of the parent and becomes subject to another. Therefore the parent cannot demand that his child shall be dismissed before the end of the session. He may ask it as a favor, as he could ask that his boy be released for an hour if he was employed in a store or a factory, and the request would doubtless be granted. But if that request came so often as to seriously interfere with the work on hand, the request would be refused.

If a pupil is absent from school it can be assumed that he is a truant, and the truant officer be sent after him. If the parent claims that he kept the child at home, and that he purposes to do that at his pleasure, and to send him back into school at his convenience, the committee can shut the child out of school for the injury his irregular attendance is inflicting, and leave the law to deal with the father for not sending his child to school as the law requires.

But, of course, no committee wishes to resort to legal measures; they wish to secure the good sought by moral means. So we bespeak the help of parents in this respect, and we beg of them not to forget that

“Little drops of water, little grains of sand,
Make the mighty ocean and the solid land;”

that the constant accretion of dust makes the mole-hill, and if the process be long enough continued, the mole hill becomes a

mountain, and so the occasional absences of all the children in all the schools for the whole year make an aggregate perfectly appalling.

It has been the purpose of your Committee to secure natural methods of teaching and reasonable discipline. We say *natural* methods, for committing to memory and reciting definitions which one does not understand, and blindly following rules which one does not comprehend, is unnatural and unprofitable. We say *reasonable* discipline, for a discipline without much reason, simply by a force pressing down from without, may secure order in the school-room, and orderly deportment in the school-yard, in the teacher's presence, but it never does and never can secure that self control essential to good citizenship. Unless there be something welling up from within which shall give control, there will be disturbance at public meetings, rudeness at the street corners, and boisterousness at unseasonable hours of the night. But while the effort has been to secure the best of instruction and perfect discipline, the success has been only partial. In some schools the instruction and the discipline have been excellent. In others the instruction has been excellent, but the government not all that was desirable, while in still others neither the teaching nor the discipline has been entirely satisfactory.

If we are asked why we do not employ the best of teachers in all our schools, the reason is obvious. We cannot offer inducements sufficient to secure trained and experienced teachers from abroad. Experience is essential to a good teacher, but if a young lady has not taught, how can she obtain that experience, if no one employs her? Her want of experience is not her fault, but her misfortune, and must continue to be till some one is courageous enough to give her a trial. Normal Schools have done much to secure correct methods of teaching, and to establish right principles of government, but perplexities will arise in a school of thirty or forty children gathered from almost any village, that were never thought of in an experimental or a practice class in a Normal School.

For a similar reason, lack of sufficient inducement to remain, we are in danger of losing some of our best teachers. They

have served their apprenticeship, have gained their experience have achieved success, and have established a reputation. They have availed themselves of all the means of improvement within their reach, and have become excellent teachers, and becoming known, some superintendent of schools, or a member of a school-board, with the offer of a better salary, invites them to "come up higher." Against this there is neither law nor gospel—the one reads "thou shalt not muzzle the ox;" the other, "The workman is worthy of his meat."

But we may lose them from other than pecuniary considerations. In large towns or cities they may find a grade of school more to their taste, or greater social or educational advantages or they may think a change desirable to develop the best that is in them, and to prevent their falling into ruts. If from any cause they leave us, the schools must be supplied with teachers of less experience, perhaps with none. If teachers without experience are employed they will be but apprentices, and should be satisfied with the pay of an apprentice, and the town should accept the work of an apprentice. To demand the work of a journeyman or of a master builder, under such circumstances would be an injustice.

Instruction in Music has been given by a special teacher, and her work has been supplemented by the regular teachers. The report upon that subject is inserted in this report.

REPORT OF THE MUSIC TEACHER.

To the School Committee :

I have given instruction to each school one-half hour per week during the school year. The singing has been conducted between my lessons, by the teachers.

The Tonic-Sol-Fa System has been before the younger children, while Music Readers have been used by the Primary and Grammar Schools.

Thorough work in time, tune, enunciation and expression, has been the aim.

While different degrees of aptness and ability are perceptible, yet with the exception of some pupils whose attendance has been limited and irregular, all have evinced a desire to learn, and an increasing zeal and enthusiasm has been manifested, the only drawback having been irregular attendance on the part of many. There are good voices and promising singers among the boys and girls of Hatfield.

AUGUSTA F. SHATTUCK.

STATEMENT OF SCHOOLS, TEACHERS EMPLOYED, &c.

HILL—GRAMMAR.

Miss Nellie A. Waite.

Number scholars enrolled,	32
Average membership,	28.87
Average attendance,	20.97
Number scholars over 15 years of age,	3
Number weeks school,	36
Amount paid as wages,	\$252.00

HILL—PRIMARY.

Miss Carrie C. Cutter.

Number scholars enrolled,	49
Average membership,	37.21
Average attendance,	34.76
Number weeks school,	36
Amount paid as wages,	\$216.00

CENTER—GRAMMAR.

Misses Eunice J. Morton, Kate Wells, and Lillian A. Brown.

Number scholars enrolled,	34
Average membership,	24.10
Average attendance,	19.78
Number scholars over 15 years of age,	1
Number weeks school,	34 2-5
Amount paid as wages,	\$240.80

CENTER—PRIMARY.

Miss Carrie L. Warner.

Number scholars enrolled,	39
Average membership,	33.26
Average attendance,	30.08
Number weeks school,	36
Amount paid as wages,	\$252.00

WEST HATFIELD—SPRING TERM.

Mrs. Lizzie A. Kingman, Principal; Miss Gertie A. Strong,
Assistant.

Number scholars enrolled,	49
Average membership,	42.33
Average attendance,	37.13
Number scholars over 15 years age,	1
Number weeks school,	11
Amount paid as wages, principal, \$77.00; assistant, \$33.00, \$110.	

WEST HATFIELD—FALL AND WINTER TERMS.

GRAMMAR.

Miss Annie E. Bourne.

Number scholars enrolled,	25
Average membership,	20.90
Average attendance,	19.92
Number scholars over 15 years of age,	1
Number weeks school,	25
Amount paid as wages,	\$175.00

WEST HATFIELD—PRIMARY.

Fall and Winter Terms.

Miss Minnie A. Bourne.

Number scholars enrolled,	28
Average membership,	25.75
Average attendance,	22.16
Number weeks school,	22 3-5
Amount paid as wages,	\$163.80

WEST BROOK.

Miss Martha Gardner.

Number of scholars enrolled,	35
Average membership,	27.03
Average attendance,	24.30
Number scholars over 15 years of age,	2
Number weeks school,	35
Amount paid as wages,	\$245 00

FARMS.

Miss Hattie L. Haven.

Number scholars enrolled,	24
Average membership,	16.36
Average attendance,	13.46
Number scholars over 15 years of age,	3
Number scholars under 5 years of age,	3
Number weeks school,	35.10
Amount paid as wages,	\$245 70

APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIPTS.

Balance unexpended last year,	\$ 48 21	
Appropriated by the town,	1,950 00	
Received from State Fund,	216 80	
Dog Fund,	77 32	
Tuitions Northampton,	27 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,319 33
Amount expended for teachers,	\$1,900 30	
wood and coal,	129 49	
care of schoolhouses,	70 45	
Balance unexpended,	219 09	
	<hr/>	\$2,319 33
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Appropriation for Music,		\$225 00
Amount paid Mrs. Shattuck,	\$162 00	
For Music books,	36 16	
Balance unexpended,	26 84	
	<hr/>	\$225 00

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Number of persons between 5 and 15 years,	262
Number of persons between 8 and 14 years,	167
Number scholars enrolled,	268
Number scholars between 5 and 15 years,	255
Number scholars between 8 and 14 years,	170
Average membership in all schools for the year,	211.43
“ attendance “ “ “ “	182.47
Number scholars over 15 years of age,	10
Number scholars under 5 years of age,	3

SCHOOLS AND SUPPLIES.

Amount expended for these items for the year \$331.88 A large part of this amount has been for readers, which had been supplied by the town only to a limited extent the year previous. Readers, and to a less extent, other books on hand, either new, or partially worn, have necessarily accumulated, and will be available for use in the future. Sufficient time has not elapsed since the town has supplied the schools in this way for us to determine the average yearly waste of books and supplies. We think, however, that \$250 for next year, will meet the needs of the schools for these items, including this year's deficiency.

Estimate of expenditure for 1886 :

For Schools,	\$1,850 00
Books and supplies,	250 00
Music,	150 00

Respectfully Submitted,

E. A. HUBBARD,	} School Committee.
H. G. MOORE,	
C. M. BARTON,	

Hatfield, March 8, 1886.

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF HATFIELD,

For the Year Ending March 1, 1887.



NORTHAMPTON, MASS.:

WADE, WARNER & CO., PRINTERS.

1887.

Articles in the Warrant for Town Meeting to be held
March 21, 1887.

ARTICLE 1.—To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2.—To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing, including three persons for members of the School Committee, one for three years, one for two years and one for one year.

ART. 3.—To choose an Elector under the Will of the late Oliver Smith, Esq.

ART. 4.—To revise and accept the list of Jurors as submitted by the selectmen.

ART. 5.—To hear the reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, and School Committee and act thereon.

ART. 6.—To receive and pass on Town accounts.

ART. 7.—To take action in relation to raising money to defray the necessary expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

ART. 8.—To see what method the Town will adopt for the maintenance and repairs of highways and bridges the ensuing year.

ART. 9.—To see what action the Town will take in relation to the prompt payment of taxes the ensuing year.

ART. 10.—To see if the Town will raise money to pay the outstanding debts of the Town.

ART. 11.—To see if the Town will make an appropriation for the public library and choose a committee for the same.

ART. 12.—To take action in relation to the support of the poor for the ensuing year.

ART. 13.—To see if the Town will make an appropriation to defray the expenses of celebrating "Memorial Day."

ART. 14.—To take action under Chap. 100, Sec. 5, of the Public Statutes. The vote must be by separate ballot, yes, or no, in answer to the question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

ART. 15.—To see if the Town will pay a bounty for the killing of noxious animals and birds.

ART. 16.—To see if the Town will employ a teacher of music in the schools.

ART. 17.—To see what action the Town will take in relation to the railroad crossings in the Town, and to act on all matters between the Town and the railroads running through the Town.

ART. 18.—To see if the Town will take action in relation to the cemeteries of the Town.

ART. 19.—To see if the Town will provide another public water trough.

ART. 20.—To see if the Town will buy a road machine.

Selectmen's Report.

To the Inhabitants of Hatfield,

HIGHWAYS.

As directed by the town, we contracted with the following named parties to perform the ordinary repairs on the highways and bridges in their several highway districts :

D. W. Wells, South Center District,	\$100 00
Fred. Carl, North Center District,	75 00
Ben. M. Warner, Hill District,	115 00
Frank J. Saffa, West Hatfield District,	75 00
Chas. A. Jones and W. H. Belden, West Farms,	100 00
John Fitzgibbon, West Brook,	75 00

We have settled with but two of these parties as the final accounts of the rest have not been presented to us.

We have allowed D. W. Wells \$10.72 for over work.

We have inserted an article in the Warrant to see if the Town will buy a road machine. The agent of the "New Champion," asked us to store one of his machines for the winter, so that the town after trial, could buy it if they wished to do so.

BRIDGES.

We have expended \$93.64 in excess of the appropriation for bridges, which was less than we recommended.

The bridges of the town are in fair condition. A little more money could have been expended advantageously the past season in our opinion.

POOR.

The wisdom of the policy pursued by us for several years is shown by the fact that we have but few families or young children that we are aiding. We have found places

for a number of children where they have been adopted, and have helped families to take care of themselves so that now while our list of full support paupers is quite large and rather expensive, it is mostly composed of old people. It may be well for the town to consider whether or not it will be advisable to keep them all at one place.

We are now hiring the following named persons boarded:

Charles Morton, aged 72, \$3.00 per week.
 Michael Ryan, aged 79, \$2.00 per week.
 Patrick Russell, aged 60, \$2.75 per week.
 Joseph Beauregard, aged 75, \$2.00 per week.
 Letty Wheeler, aged 7, \$1.50 per week.
 John Tobin, aged 5, \$1.50 per week.

Besides A. M. Richmond and Catherine Tobin, insane at the Hospital, Joseph Proulx and family are being temporarily aided by the Overseers of Poor of Northampton at our expense, because of sickness.

TOWN DEBT.

We congratulate the tax payers that at the end of next year the town may be out of debt. The balance against the town at the end of last year of \$2,758.12, being now reduced to less than \$1,000.00.

Our expenditures we report as follows:

OLD BILLS.

Wm. H. Belden, salary registrar of voters,	\$10 00
Joseph S. Wells, " " "	12 50
A. L. Strong, assistance to " "	5 00
Alvin L. Strong, building committee school house,	5 00
Fred. Carl, labor on highways,	61 11
Patrick Mullarney, labor on highways,	7 35
Fred. Wheeler, " "	62
Daniel A. Vining, " "	3 93
Henry A. Wade, " "	3 25
Anthony Douglass, " "	1 50
Charles E. Wilkie, " "	1 30
Lawrence Vollenger, " "	1 25
Alfred Breor, " "	6 50
T. Baggs, " "	5 50
E. W. Field, " "	8 20
Peter Balise, " "	3 15
Wm. B. Langdon, " "	1 62
John Dimleon, " "	1 25
John D. Brown, " "	2 25
J. D. Porter, " "	5 17
A. H. Marsh, " "	3 00
F. H. Bardwell, " "	11 50
H. S. Hubbard, earth,	5 15
Peter Saffa, labor on bridges,	5 00
Michael Boyle, labor on bridges,	5 75
Michael O'Dea, " "	5 00
A. S. Jones, " "	2 00
H. Shumway, " "	3 25
Caleb D. Bardwell, care of Town hall,	8 00
Brown & Bailey, mason work, Hill School House,	39 77
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	\$234 87

POOR.

Michael Flavin, board of Tobin children,	\$60 00
Sisters of Charity, Holyoke, board of Tobin children,	48 00
Mary Wheeler, board of Letty Wheeler,	78 00
N. L. Hospital, board of Catherine Tobin,	180 03
" " A. M. Richmond,	191 56
" " Pomeroy Doppman,	58 80
Mrs. T. Graves, house rent	8 00

E. M. Martin, goods Charles Morton,	\$1 43
Wm. W. Field, board Charles Morton,	169 15
Dr. Seymour, medical attendance, C. Morton,	2 00
John Karin, board of Michael Ryan,	59 00
Mary E. Waite, support,	55 00
“ “ house rent,	24 00
Clifford Russell, board of Patrick Russell,	82 50
Peter Pecor, “ “	35 75
Edward Farlin “ “	30 25
Joseph Baker, board Joseph Beauregard,	64 00
T. Baggs, lodging tramps,	39 00
Mrs. John Setright, board James Shea,	24 00
J. H. Howard, goods, James Shea,	2 88
Railroad fare, James Shea,	40
City of Northampton, support of Mrs. Jos. Martin,	14 16
	<hr/> \$1,227 91

Paid by Town of Wenham :

Mrs. Dodge, cash support,	\$45 00
Wm. H. Dickinson, house rent, Mrs. Dodge,	24 00
J. E. Doane, wood, “	3 75
John Karin, wood, “	7 00
Michael Dea, drawing wood, “	1 00
H. Shumway, drawing wood,	1 50
	<hr/> \$82 25

To be paid by State :

H. Shumway, wood for Joseph Patrick,	\$4 00
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SCHOOLS.

Eunice J. Morton, teaching schools,	\$245 00
Carrie L. Warner, “	245 00
Kate Wells, “	243 60
Nellie Waite, “	245 00
Mary L. Waite, “	182 00
Minnie A. Bourne, “	77 00
Hattie L. Haven, “	77 00
Lottie Porter, “	156 00
Elsie L. Elder, “	150 50
Carrie Porter, “	63 00
Gertie A. Strong, “	54 00
Hattie Stedman, “	78 00
Lulu Field, “	60 00

Eddie Burke, janitor,	\$1 45
Eugene Jubinville, janitor,	3 25
G. W. Hubbard, “	11 00
Frank Cutter, “	22 00
J. H. Sanderson, “	19 50
H. G. Moore, cash for janitor,	20 34
H. G. Moore, “	19 50
Mrs. John Smith, “	15 45
C. C. Wolfram, “	10 38
Smith & Dwight, coal,	71 13
E. M. Martin, coal,	28 13
H. G. Moore, drawing coal,	7 75
John Maxwell, wood,	10 00
J. W. Field, “	8 00
H. Shumway, “	6 00
John B. Smith, sawing wood,	2 18
Philos Doane, “ “	2 50
	<hr/> \$2,134 66

SCHOOL BOOKS.

A. C. Stockin,	\$51 25
S. E. Bridgman & Co.,	121 76
D. Appleton & Co.,	5 46
Harper & Bros.,	27 60
F. M. Ambrose,	4 40
Van Antwerp Bragg & Co.,	16 35
H. G. Moore, express,	1 75
	<hr/> \$228 57

MUSIC IN SCHOOLS.

Prof. Charmbury,	\$150 00
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HIGHWAYS.

D. W. Wells,	\$110 72
Fred. Carl,	50 00
Benj. M. Warner,	86 25
C. H. Jones & W. H. Belden,	100 00
Frank Saffa,	55 00

John Fitzgibbons,	\$50 00
Marble Hammil,	8 40
	<hr/> \$460 37

BRIDGES.

John Maxwell, plank,	\$65 62
C. B. Dickinson, plank,	84 97
Estate of J. A. Billings, plank,	6 27
J. A. Sullivan, cement,	7 50
John Landy, stone,	16 50
J. L. Mather, mason work,	29 00
J. H. Howard, spikes,	2 46
S. W. & A. B. Lee, drain pipe,	11 25
L. S. Bliss, plank,	2 11
D. W. Wells, cash for drain,	17 54
John Kiley, labor,	12 00
John Gay, “	2 82
John Sheehan, labor,	11 50
Michael Boyle, “	9 25
Mac. LaMountain, labor,	7 11
Thomas Whalen, “	7 11
John Burk, “	3 75
C. W. White, “	7 10
John Fitzgibbons, “	17 60
Chas. K. Morton, “	17 75
J. D. Porter, “	12 25
D. W. Wells, “	5 75
Benj. M. Warner, “	3 36
S. W. Kingsley, “	9 15
H. Shumway, “	16 50
Micheal O'Dea, “	75
J. D. Thayer, “	1 25
E. M. Martin, spikes,	92
James Mullins, labor,	4 50
	<hr/> \$393 64

HIGHWAYS.

(SPECIAL REPAIRS) HILL DISTRICT.

J. D. Porter, drain tile,	\$4 75
J. D. Porter, labor,	15 25
John McGrath, labor,	1 87
A. Allair, labor,	2 50
Frank Lovette, labor,	1 87
David McGrath,	3 75
David Fitzgerald,	2 50
E. S. Warner,	9 75
James Porter,	6 93
Chas. E. Kingsley,	1 25
Patrick Mullarney	1 25
Ben. M. Warner,	4 87
L. S. Dyer,	6 50
J. T. Fitch,	11 00
M. N. Hubbard,	4 50
Thomas Whalen,	2 50
H. Shumway,	9 75
A. H. Graves,	3 25
Thaddeus Graves,	3 25
M acLaMountain,	2 50
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	\$99 79

(SPECIAL REPAIRS) NORTH CENTER DISTRICT.

Fred. Carl, labor,	\$47 30
Wm. B. Langdon, labor,	19 25
Edwin Brainard,	23 63
James Breor,	16 25
John Fitzgibbon,	7 75
John Karin,	4 38
L. S. Crafts,	1 75
Michael Clancy,	1 88
Charles W. Wolfram,	12 87
“ “ earth,	5 00
C. G. Waite, earth,	10 00
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	\$150 06

SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS AND SUPPLIES.

H. G. Moore, supplies,	\$39 92
H. A. Brackett, painting roofs,	21 67
S. W. Kingsley, repairs,	8 50
W. B. Langdon, repairs,	2 50
W. L. Smith & Co., table,	2 50
Eames & Sprague, stoves,	73 04
J. H. Howard, supplies,	18 33
Geo. E. Coats, repairs,	5 95
Mrs. Michael O'Dea, cleaning,	2 75
John Burke, "	6 00
John Sheehan, "	2 75
John Smith, "	3 00
E. M. Martin, supplies,	\$4 78
John Springer, "	1 85
D. J. Wright, "	1 20
Wm. Daugherty, repairs,	2 50
	———— \$197 24

REPAIRS ON HILL SCHOOL HOUSE.

C. N. Harlow & Co.,	\$191 90
David Laidley, mason work,	4 37
M. H. Burke, painting,	29 20
H. G. Moore, labor,	18 50
	———— \$243 97

TOWN OFFICERS.

1885.

Chas. K. Morton, Selectman,	\$125 00
Eurotas Morton, "	58 00
R. P. Smith, "	50 00
E. A. Hubbard, School Committee,	50 00
Henry G. Moore, " "	50 00
A. L. Strong, Tax Collector,	125 00
Wm. C. Dickinson, Treasurer,	100 00

TOWN OFFICERS.

1886.

E. F. Billings, Assessor,	\$55 00	
A. L. Strong, " "	55 50	
W. D. Billings, Town Clerk and Registrar of voters, (part payment)	50 00	
D. W. Wells, Elector,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$728 50

STATE AID.

Mrs. Covill,	\$38 00	
Mrs. Anderson,	38 00	
	<hr/>	\$76 00

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

S. E. Bridgman & Co., books,	\$125 65	
E. F. Billings, librarian,	12 50	
Mrs. Leary, cleaning room,	1 50	
Philos Doane, sawing wood,	1 00	
Cutting, Brewster & Draper, repairing stove,	6 44	
R. M. Woods, books,	5 50	
H. Shumway, wood,	4 00	
J. H. Howard, lamps and oil, two years' bill,	9 50	
	<hr/>	\$166 09

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS.

E. A. Hubbard, cost of drain,	\$94 00	
J. H. Howard, Memorial Day expenses,	50 00	
Wm. H. Dickinson, president village im- provement society for cemeteries,	100 00	
A. L. Strong, cash for printing,	6 00	
Gazette Printing Co., order book and printing,	5 57	
S. E. Bridgman & Co., stationary,	4 28	
J. C. Hammond, legal services and fees in Tobin case,	26 54	

Wade, Warner & Co., printing town reports and license ballots,	\$43 15
Peter McHugh, repair stove. Town hall.	1 00
L. S. Crafts, care of water trough.	5 00
A. M. Peck, recording deaths,	6 00
Morris Fitzgibbons, care water trough.	2 50
Wm. G. Bassett, legal services and fees paid in N. H. & N. Co.'s petition,	19 06
S. W. Kingsley, repairs road scraper.	6 75
J. T. Thayer, " "	1 25
H. Shumway, express on books.	8 50
J. D. Porter, cash for watching fires.	3 00
Chas. K. Morton, railroad fares and expenses,	4 90
" " cash witness fees.	2 00
" " cash postage,	2 00
J. H. Howard, burner. Town hall.	20
Wm. C. Dickinson, cash bounties,	51 20
	<hr/> \$442 90

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. K. MORTON,	} Selectmen of Hatfield.
JONATHAN D. PORTER,	
C. A. JONES.	

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen for the year ending March 1, 1887, and have found them correct with proper vouchers on file for all warrants drawn amounting to seven thousand twenty dollars and eighty-two cents. (\$7,020.82.)

C. S. SHATTUCK, Auditor.

Hatfield. March 5, 1887.

Appropriations Town of Hatfield, 1886.

Town Debt,	\$1,000 00
Memorial Day,	50 00
Music in Schools,	150 00
Cemeteries,	100 00
E. A. Hubbard,	94 00
Highways and Bridges,	850 00
Schools,	1,700 00
Poor,	1,200 00
Contingencies,	800 00
Town Officers,	900 00
Interest,	200 00
School Books,	250 00
Public Library,	325 00
School House Hill District,	150 00
Highways Special repairs,	275 00
	<hr/> \$8,044 00

Jury List Reported by the Selectmen.

MICHAEL LARKIN,	CHAS. L. WARNER,
CHAS. E. HUBBARD,	ALBERT H. WEBBER,
ALPHEUS COWLES,	THOMAS J. RYAN,
J. E. PORTER,	JONATHAN D. PORTER,
DANIEL W. WELLS,	O. S. GRAVES,
PHILIP CARL,	EUROTAS MORTON,
EUGENE I. MORTON,	CHAS. S. SHATTUCK,
	E. M. MARTIN.

Treasurer's Report.

WM. C. DICKINSON, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
TOWN OF HATFIELD.

Dr.

To balance from old account,	\$1,468 28
Cash rec'd from Alv. L. Strong, collector,	\$8,184 34
National Bank Tax,	1,769 91
Corporation Tax,	437 44
Income School Fund,	217 59
State Aid,	108 00
Dog Fund,	70 84
Town of Wenham, support of Mrs. Dodge,	172 40
Sale of Town land,	30 00
Town of Hadley, for ferry boat,	26 25
Memorial day appropriation,	14 00
Town of Whately, tuition,	5 00
Over pay school books,	4 00
	<hr/> \$11,039 77

TO CASH RECEIVED FROM LOANS.

State Treasurer, $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.,	\$1,500 00
“ 4 per cent.,	1,500 00
	<hr/> \$3,000 00

CASH RECEIVED FROM TEMPORARY LOANS.

State Treasurer, $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent.,	\$1,500 00
Hampshire Savings Bank, $4\frac{1}{4}$ per cent.,	1,000 00
“ “ “ “	1,000 00
“ “ “ “	1,000 00
“ “ “ “	1,000 00
“ “ “ “	500 00
“ “ “ “	500 00
	<hr/> \$6,500 00
	<hr/> \$22,008 05

Cr.

By cash paid Selectmen's order,	\$7,020 82
Old orders, 1885-86,	1,085 29
County Tax,	1,348 22
State Tax,	810 00
Interest on notes,	306 47
Insurance,	140 00
State Treasurer National Bank	
Tax refunded,	13 32
	<hr/> \$10,724 12

BY CASH PAID ON LOANS.

State Treasurer,	1,500 00
“	1,500 00
Hampshire Savings Bank,	1,000 00
	<hr/> \$4,000 00

BY CASH PAID ON TEMPORARY LOANS.

State Treasurer,	\$1,500 00
Hampshire Savings Bank,	1,000 00
“ “	1,000 00
“ “	1,000 00
“ “	1,000 00
“ “	500 00
“ “	500 00
	<hr/> \$6,500 00
Balance in Treasury,	783 93
	<hr/> \$22,008 05

IN ACCOUNT WITH ALVIN L. STRONG, COLLECTOR.

Dr.

To cash received,	\$8,184 34
Order of abatement,	29 85
	<hr/> \$8,214 19
Balance uncollected taxes,	981 42
	<hr/> \$9,195 61

Cr.

By uncollected taxes 1885-86,	\$496 96
Assessors' warrant, 1886-87,	8,698 65
	<hr/> \$9,195 61

SUMMARY.

State Treasurer, note due April 7, 1887,	\$1,500 00
“ “ Dec. 1, 1887,	1,500 00
	<hr/> \$3,000 00

Cash in Treasury,	\$783 93
Uncollected taxes,	981 42
Due from City of Northampton :	
Smith Charities' tax,	123 53
Interest on above,	7 41
State and Military Aid,	76 00
Tuition Northampton scholars,	50 00
State on account State paupers,	4 00
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	\$1,926 29
Balance against the Town,	<hr/>
	\$973 71

WM. C. DICKINSON, Treasurer.

I have this day examined the books and vouchers of the Treasurer and found them correct.

C. S. SHATTUCK, Auditor.

Hatfield, Mass., March 7, 1887.

Town Clerk's Report.

The vital statistics of the Town of Hatfield, for the year 1886, are as follows :

BIRTHS BY MONTHS.

	NO.	MALES.	FEMALES.
January,	6	2	4
February,	4	3	1
March,	1	1	
April,	3	2	1
May,	3	1	2
June,	4	3	1
July,	6	4	2
August,	1	1	
September,	6	4	2
November,	1	1	
December,	4	1	3
Total,	39	23	16

PARENTAGE

Native born 18, Foreign born 15, Foreign born father and native mother 3, Foreign born mother and native born father 3.

Birth rate for five previous years :

1881.	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.
33	24	27	33	32

MARRIAGES BY MONTHS.

January,	1
May,	1
September,	2
November,	1
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All were first marriage of both parties.

Age youngest bride,	19 years.
Age oldest bride,	25 “
Age youngest bridegroom,	22 “
Age oldest bridegroom,	34 “

Of the persons married, native born 3 couples.

Native born groom, foreign born bride, 2 couples.

Number of marriage certificates issued from this office, 6.
Marriages for five previous years :

1881.	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.
12	6	17	10	9

DEATHS BY MONTHS.

	NO.
January,	1
February,	1
March,	3
April,	1
May,	1
June,	2
July,	3
August,	3
September,	2

October,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
November,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
December,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Total,								<hr/> 24

	MALES.	FEMALES.
Under 5 years of age,	5	4
Between 5 and 10 years of age,		1
" 20 " 30 "	1	
" 40 " 50 "		1
" 50 " 60 "	1	
" 60 " 70 "		1
" 70 " 80 "	4	
" 80 " 90 "	3	3
	<hr/> 14	<hr/> 10

Age of the oldest persons deceased were one male 84 years, one female 85 years.

Of the number deceased, 22 were native and 2 foreign born.

Death rate for five previous years :

1881.	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.
23	25	29	22	24

Causes of death classified according to the nomenclature adopted by the State Board of Registration :

ZYMOTIC DISEASES.

Croup,	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Erysipelas,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Cholera infantum,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Diarrhea,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1

CONSTITUTIONAL DISEASES.

Cancer,	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Tabes Mesenterica,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Hydrocephalus,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1

LOCAL DISEASES.

Paralysis,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Disease of heart,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Convulsions,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Pneumonia,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Bright's disease,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Insanity,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1

DEVELOPMENTAL DISEASES.

Old age,	1
Premature birth,	1

VIOLENT DEATHS.

Lightning,	1
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STATEMENT OF THE DOG TAX ACCOUNT.

W. D. BILLINGS, Town Clerk, in account with the Town of
Hatfield :

Dr.

To cash received from Dec. 1, 1885 to Dec.		
1, 1886, for license of 51 dogs (males)		
at \$2 each,	\$102 00	
To cash received for license of 2 dogs (fe-		
males) at \$5 each,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$112 00
Less Clerk's fees, 53 dogs at 20 cents each,		10 60
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		\$101 40

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By cash paid Lewis Warner, County Treasurer, \$101 40

Amount paid County Treasurer on this account for five previous years :

1881.	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.
\$59.40	\$63	\$80.40	\$72	\$92.40

There have been recorded in the Town Clerk's office from March 1, 1886 to March 1, 1887, 20 mortgages of personal property, one assignment of wages. All other papers, three.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. BILLINGS, Town Clerk.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Fellow Citizens :

Your School Committee herewith present the annual report upon the condition of the Schools.

The schools the past year have been maintained thirty-five weeks, at an expense, including the cost for music, books and supplies of a little more than \$2,500.

The number of persons between the ages of five and fifteen years in the town, May 1, 1886, was 256. The number between the ages of eight and fourteen years was 157. The number of scholars enrolled in the schools was 248. The average membership in all the schools for the year was 194, and the average attendance 169.

The schools have been more than ordinarily successful. To a large extent, the experienced teachers of previous years have been retained, and the few inexperienced teachers we have been obliged to employ have shown good results.

Our schools are not well graded, and under our circumstances cannot be. We are a scattered population, and the number of persons between five and fifteen years of age is not large, and hence it is practically impossible to bring a great number of pupils into any one of our school buildings. We have but two grades, the primary and the grammar, but the grammar grade might with more propriety be called the intermediate if we had anything above it. Were there a vacant room in the Center School house, it would be possible without great additional expense to the town to bring the highest class from at least three of our grammar schools into that building. This would make a school of fifteen to twenty pupils, would provide for a grade that might properly be called grammar, would furnish at the expense of the town one year more of school privilege to its advanced pupils, and would give them a fair education even if they did not afterward enter Smith Academy.

The department of music has been in charge of Prof. Charmbury, and the progress made and the enthusiasm awakened have satisfied the committee and we trust also our fellow citizens that the money has been well expended.

The expense of the repairs upon the Hill School house exceeded the appropriation, for it was found impossible otherwise to make the repairs contemplated when the town made the appropriation, and after the work was begun it was necessary to complete it that there might be a school there in the fall term.

STATEMENT OF SCHOOLS, TEACHERS EMPLOY- ED, &c.

CENTER—GRAMMAR.

Miss Nellie A. Waite.

Number of scholars enrolled,	23
Average membership,	21.38
Average attendance,	19.22
Number of scholars over 15 years of age,	1
Number weeks school,	35
Amount paid as wages,	\$245

CENTER—PRIMARY.

Miss Kate Wells.

Number scholars enrolled,	45
Average membership,	27.75
Average attendance,	23.2
Number weeks school,	35
Amount paid as wages,	\$245

HILL—GRAMMAR.

Miss Eunice J. Morton.

Number scholars enrolled,	29
Average membership,	25.5
Average attendance,	20.5
Number of scholars over 15 years of age,	2
Number weeks school,	35
Amount paid as wages,	\$245

HILL—PRIMARY.

Miss Carrie L. Warner.

Number scholars enrolled,	40
Average membership,	29.33
Average attendance,	26.25
Number weeks school,	35
Amount paid as wages,	\$245

WEST HATFIELD—GRAMMAR.

Misses Annie Bourne, Lottie Porter and Carrie Porter.

Number school enrolled,	22
Average membership,	15.03
Average attendance,	13.63
Number of scholars over 15 years of age,	1
Amount paid as wages,	\$230

WEST HATFIELD—PRIMARY.

Misses Mary L. Waite and Gertrude Strong.

Number scholars enrolled,	32
Average membership,	29.79
Average attendance,	25.88
Number weeks school,	35
Amount paid as wages,	\$236

WEST BROOK.

Misses Lottie Porter, Lulu Field and Hattie Stedman.

Number of scholars enrolled,	36
Average membership,	29.73
Average attendance,	26.68
Number weeks school,	34
Amount paid as wages,	\$204

FARMS.

Misses Hattie L. Haven and Elsie E. Elder.

Number scholars enrolled,	21
Average membership,	16.47
Average attendance,	14.58
Number of scholars over 15 years of age,	1
Number weeks school,	35
Amount paid as wages,	\$227 50

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Number of persons between the ages of 5 and 15 years,	256
“ “ “ “ 8 and 14 “	157
Number of scholars enrolled,	248
Number of scholars between the ages of 5 and 15 years,	229
“ “ “ “ 8 and 14 “	159
Average membership in all the schools for the year,	194.53
“ attendance “ “ “	169.94
Number of scholars over 15 years of age,	5

APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIPTS.

Balance unexpended last year,	\$219 09
Appropriated by the town,	1,700 00
Received from State Fund,	217 59
Dog Fund,	70 84
Tuition Whately,	5 00
	<hr/> \$2,212 52
Amount expended for teachers,	\$1,876 10
wood and coal,	137 19
care of schoolhouse,	121 37
Balance unexpended,	77 86
	<hr/> \$2,212 52

Appropriation for music,	\$150 00
Amount paid Prof. Charmbury,	150 00

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Amount expended for these items for the year is \$228.57, which has been judiciously expended, and your Committee are unable to devise any plan whereby a less sum than this can be used the coming year, as there must necessarily be more or less yearly waste of books and supplies while this plan is pursued. We think, however, that \$250 for next year will meet the needs of the schools for these items.

Estimate of expenditures for 1887:

For Schools,	\$1,800 00
Books and supplies,	250 00
Music,	200 00

Respectfully submitted,

H. G. MOORE,	} School Committee.
DAVID BILLINGS, JR.	
E. A. HUBBARD.	

Hatfield, March 4, 1887.

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
Town of Hatfield,

For the Year Ending March 1, 1888.

NORTHAMPTON, MASS. :
WADE, WARNER & CO., Printers.
1888.

ARTICLES IN THE WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING TO BE HELD MARCH 19th, 1888.

ARTICLE 1.—To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2.—To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing, including two persons for members of the School Committee, one for three years and one for one year.

ART. 3.—To choose an Elector under the Will of the late Oliver Smith, Esq.

ART. 4.—To revise and accept the list of Jurors as submitted by the Selectmen.

ART. 5.—To hear the report of the Selectmen, Treasurer, and School Committee and act thereon.

ART. 6.—To receive and pass on town accounts.

ART. 7.—To take action in relation to raising money to defray the necessary expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

ART. 8.—To see what method the town will adopt for the maintenance and repairs of highways and bridges the ensuing year.

ART. 9.—To see what action the Town will take in relation to the prompt payment of taxes the ensuing year.

ART. 10.—To see if the Town will raise money to pay the outstanding debts of the Town.

ART. 11.—To see if the Town will make an appropriation for the public library and choose a committee for the same.

ART. 12.—To take action in relation to the support of the poor for the ensuing year.

ART. 13.—To see if the Town will make an appropriation to defray the expenses of celebrating "Memorial Day."

ART. 14.—To take action under Chap. 100, Sec. 5, of the Public Statutes. The vote must be by separate ballot, yes, or no, in answer to the question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

ART. 15.—To see if the Town will pay a bounty for the killing of noxious animals and birds.

ART. 16.—To see if the Town will employ a teacher of music in the schools.

ART. 17.—To see what action the Town will take in relation to the railroad crossings in the town, and to act upon all matters between the Town and the railroads running through the Town.

ART. 18.—To see if the Town will take action in relation to the cemeteries of the Town.

ART. 19.—To see what action the Town will take in relation to a portion of the tax of the year 1884 to be paid by the Smith Charities to the Town.

ART. 20.—To see what action the Town will take in relation to rebuilding the foot-bridge near the Hill bridge.

ART. 21.—To see if the Town will raise money to pay bills presented to the Town for repairs on Halls in the Town.

ART. 22.—To see if the town will elect a Superintendent of the schools in Town.

ART. 23.—To see if the town will re-seat the seats in the Grammar School room at West Hatfield, and also the one at West Brook.

Selectmen's Report.

To the Inhabitants of Hatfield:

As directed by a vote of the town at the last annual meeting, your Selectmen have purchased a road-machine, the New Champion, which we believe is giving good satisfaction, and is paying for itself with the amount of labor it saves on the roads. The heavy rains of the past summer have made it necessary to have a considerable amount of extra labor on the roads, which did not come under the head of ordinary repairs, therefore we have had some extra labor on the roads. We have built one new bridge and taken one apart which was taken from its foundation by the water and have replaced it again. The rest of the bridges are in good repair as far as we can ascertain. It is uncertain to determine yet what the spring freshets may do with them.

POOR.

The policy pursued by the town for the last few years in boarding its poor, is not, in our estimation, a wise policy financially for the town to adopt. We have had an addition of two the last year; one has died; the other is only partially supported. The others are the same as last year, with the exception of Mrs. Tobin who was boarded at the Hospital, has died within a few days, thus relieving the town of any further expense for her. Sixty-three tramps have had lodgings for the last year.

OLD BILLS.

Frederick Carl, work on highways,	\$30 00
Frank Saffa, " "	20 00
B. M. Warner, " "	28 75
John Fitzgibbons " "	25 00
Francis Moshier, " "	3 25
Joseph Baker, " "	1 25
Morris Fitzgibbons, work on highways,	2 50
Moses E. Warner, " "	6 50
E. F. Billings, librarian,	12 50
G. W. Hubbard, janitor,	16 00
Moses E. Warner, lumber,	2 34
F. G. Bardwell, wood and lumber,	11 45
A. L. Strong, stationery,	1 50
M. H. Burt, repairs on school houses,	19 20
Smith & Dwight, coal for schools,	44 56
T. Baggs, lodging tramps,	19 00
A. L. Strong, wood for schools,	2 50
State of Mass., support of Eliza J. Merrer,	50 14
Overseers of Poor, City of Boston, support of James E. Merrer,	18 05
John Karin, board of Michael Ryan,	41 40
David Billings, supplies and labor, schools,	6 50
C. N. Harlow, lumber and labor, school house,	4 92
W. L. Smith, coffin and curtains,	3 95
M. W. Lyons, meat for Joseph Patrick,	1 00
C. M. Barton, recording births,	25 50

 \$397 70

POOR.

Mary Wheeler, board of Lotta Wheeler,	\$78 00
N. L. Hospital, board of Catherine Tobin,	178 51
" " A. M. Richmond,	173 72
Peter Baloise, board of Joseph Beauregard,	104 00
W. W. Field, board Charles Morton,	158 80
John Karin, board of Michael Ryan,	98 00

Frank Lamprow, board of Patrick Russell,	\$96 25
Lewis Murray, " " "	49 50
Augustus Renellard, board of George Allair,	51 00
John Allair, board of George Allair,	22 50
Jonathan D. Porter, clothes for James Shea,	12 50
Joseph Patrick, lodging tramps,	16 00
T. Baggs, lodging tramps,	15 00
Mary E. Waite, support,	61 11
Mary E. Waite, house rent,	24 00
Smith & Prindle, clothes for Michael Ryan,	7 00
Sisters of Charity, Holyoke, board John Tobin,	36 00
E. M. Martin, clothes for Charles Morton,	3 53
W. W. Field, med. attendance Chas. Morton,	4 00
City of Northampton, help rendered family of Joseph Proulx,	39 71
City of Northampton, help for Daniel Dolon and wife,	64 85
R. P. Smith, coal for Mr. Kenedy,	8 49
Paid by the Town of Wenham, Mrs. Dodge, cash support,	45 00
W. H. Dickinson, house rent, Mrs. Dodge,	24 00
R. P. Smith, coal,	3 54
D. A. Horton, coal,	9 78
A. L. Strong, wood,	2 50
	<hr/> \$1,387 29
To be paid by the State :	
Help rendered to Daniel Dolon,	32 42

SCHOOLS.

Carrie L. Warner, teaching schools,	245 00
Eunice J. Morton, "	245 00
Mary L. Waite, "	245 00
Elsie E. Elder, "	245 00
Carrie S. Porter, "	245 00
Gertie A. Strong, "	223 00
Kate Wells, "	245 00
Lotta A. Porter, "	172 20
Hattie A. Carl, "	62 40

G. W. Hubbard, janitor,	\$34 50
J. H. Sanderson, janitor,	26 50
J. H. Sanderson, tools and cash paid,	1 50
R. P. Smith, coal,	105 70
N. J. Powers, wood and sawing,	9 00
N. J. Powers, drawing coal, and janitor,	5 80
John Manchester, janitor,	2 85
E. M. Martin, coal,	39 29
F. G. Bardwell, wood,	15 75
S. S. Dwight, sawing wood,	1 50
R. P. Smith, coal,	33 55
Kimball & Cary, coal,	14 39
S. E. Bridgman, reference books,	33 75
Mrs. John Smith, Smith janitor,	33 25
W. H. Powers, “	6 63
G. E. Barton, “	19 00
Fred Bardwell,	3 25
	<hr/> \$2,313 81

SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS AND SUPPLIES.

S. S. Dwight,	\$10 51
Charles E. Hubbard, labor,	5 00
Mrs. John Ryan, cleaning,	5 00
George E. Barton, labor and cleaning,	5 00
Frary Brothers, repairs on stoves,	29 65
Clarence E. Belden, repairs and cleaning,	26 01
Kate Wells, repairs and cleaning,	3 65
E. M. Martin, supplies,	1 90
E. E. Wood & Son, door mat,	4 00
W. B. Langdon, labor,	15 77
J. H. Sanderson, labor,	5 40
A. L. Strong, posts for fence,	8 48
Joseph Champagne, slating and material,	30 51
John Stader, labor,	7 50
Frary Brothers, repairs,	15 53
Wm. Dougherty, setting glass,	2 20
E. A. Hubbard, coal hod and sifter,	1 35

E. M. Martin, supplies,	\$1 39	
M. B. Langdon, labor,	7 75	
C. E. Belden, repairs,	18 53	
E. E. Wood & Son, door mat	4 00	
S. S. Dwight, supplies,	3 00	
Frery Brothers, stoves and fixtures,	29 69	
W. L. Smith, two chairs,	4 00	
S. W. Kingsley, labor and lumber for school houses,	21 85	
Shumway & Riley, repairs on stoves,	5 40	
Clarence E. Belden, repairs, labor, cash paid,	11 25	
J. H. Howard, furniture for schools,	3 67	
C. M. Barton, money paid for schools,	6 53	
To Betsey, cleaning,	3 50	
I. R. Clark, glass,	6 75	
G. E. Barton, labor,	3 75	
	<hr/>	\$308 52

MUSIC IN SCHOOLS.

Prof. Thomas Charnbury,	\$150 00
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SCHOOL BOOKS.

S. S. Dwight, books,	\$1 65	
S. S. Dwight, books and stationery,	2 40	
Harper & Brothers, books,	62 64	
S. E. Bridgman, books,	147 50	
S. S. Dwight, express on books,	1 00	
Horace Shumway, express on books,	4 85	
C. M. Barton, school books,	4 64	
S. E. Bridgman “	31 17	
	<hr/>	\$255 85

MEMORIAL DAY.

John E. Doane, music,	\$25 00	
Horace Shumway, team,	5 00	
A. L. Strong, cash paid,	5 60	
	<hr/>	35 60

STATE AID.

Mrs. Covill,	\$24 00	
Mrs. Anderson,	24 00	
	<hr/>	48 00

HIGHWAYS.

A. W. Shaw, road machine,	\$250 00	
Horace Shumway, labor on highways,	200 00	
Marble Hammil, labor at the Ferry,	6 00	
George A. Cutter, work on railing,	3 00	
Horace Shumway, labor,	300 00	
	<hr/>	\$759 00

BRIDGES.

David McGrath, labor,	\$1 62	
David Fitzgerald, labor,	62	
Charles Kingsley,	1 00	
John Maxwell, lumber,	29 91	
F. G. Bardwell, lumber,	18 98	
George Buddner, labor,	4 87	
A. L. Strong, plank and lumber,	105 61	
Charles Carson, labor,	1 50	
John Dainhoin, labor,	29 75	
S. W. Kingsley, labor and chain,	2 75	
Peter Saffa, labor,	21 00	
P. F. Newman, labor,	7 75	
J. H. Howard, nails and spikes,	3 68	
O. S. Graves, plank,	4 66	
M. J. Ryan, spikes,	2 80	
Moses E. Warner, lumber and labor,	14 19	
	<hr/>	\$247 69

HIGHWAYS. SPECIAL REPAIRS.

James Kelly, labor.	\$1 25
David Fitzgerald, labor,	1 25
David McGrath, labor	1 25

John Badzhold, labor,	\$6 75	
George Steele, labor,	3 75	
C. L. Warner, labor,	10 25	
N. J. Powers, timber and cutting brush,	11 00	
J. D. Porter, labor,	7 68	
E. S. Warner, labor,	6 50	
B. M. Warner, labor,	3 25	
Joseph Newman, labor,	1 50	
Peter Saffa, labor,	5 50	
S. G. Hubbard, earth,	10 00	
Moses E. Warner, labor,	6 00	
Horace Shumway, labor,	136 00	
	<hr/>	\$2 11 93

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

R. M. Woods, books,	\$13 50	
Fred A. Farnald, re-cataloguing Library,	72 00	
R. M. Woods, supplies,	34 00	
R. M. Woods, purchases,	5 62	
S. E. Bridgman, books,	59 37	
Hubbard & Taylor. binding books,	4 20	
J. H. Sanderson, labor,	38 35	
W. D. Billings, “	42 00	
Smith & Livermore, lumber,	12 99	
R. M. Woods, Printing,	4 00	
J. H. Sanderson, cleaning,	1 87	
Philos Doane, sawing wood,	1 00	
A. L. Strong, wood,	5 00	
J. H. Howard, oil and supplies,	4 12	
Horace Shumway, expressage,	4 25	
	<hr/>	\$302 37

OLD CEMETERY.

Fred Clary, labor,	\$8 50	
E. P. Hall & Co., lumber,	20 97	
Charles Kingsley, labor,	3 75	
	<hr/>	\$33 22
Credited by cash,		3 22
		<hr/>
		\$30 00

TOWN OFFICERS, 1886.

C. K. Morton, services as Selectman, expenses to Boston,	\$135 00	
C. A. Jones, services as Selectman,	50 00	
J. D. Porter, services as Selectman,	50 00	
Henry G. Moore, School Committee,	75 00	
David Billings, Jr., " "	25 00	
E. A. Hubbard, " "	35 00	
E. F. Billings, Constable,	9 00	
E. F. Billings, Assessor, cash for book,	35 24	
W. C. Dickinson, Treasurer,	100 00	
A. L. Strong, Collector of Taxes,	104 50	
Moses E. Warner, Assessor,	16 25	
W. D. Billings, Clerk and stationery,	53 25	
	<hr/>	688 24
1887.		

J. Fitzgibbons, Assessor,	\$55 00	
C. L. Warner, "	25 00	
W. D. Billings, "	70 00	
W. D. Billings, Town Clerk,	50 00	
D. W. Wells, Elector,	10 00	
C. L. Graves, Constable,	3 00	
Clarence E. Belden, School Committee,	33 00	
W. D. Billings, Clerk, Registrar of Voters,	25 00	
W. D. Billings, recording births, marriages and deaths,	19 90	
W. D. Billings, serving town warrants,	6 00	
C. M. Barton, School Committee,	50 00	
S. S. Dwight, " "	50 00	
George C. Marsh, " "	16 33	
	<hr/>	413 23

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT.

W. D. Billings, schedule of Polls,	\$4 00
W. D. Billings, record book,	3 00
S. E. Bridgman, Tax Collector book and stationery,	4 73

W. H. Dickinson, Village Improvement So.	\$100 00	
J. D. Porter, repairs on town hall,	8 84	
L. H. Kingsley, Tax Collector blanks,	2 75	
C. D. Bardwell, janitor town hall.	18 25	
Wm. Dougherty, setting glass town hall,	2 00	
Mrs. Lucy Morton, labor town hall,	11 12	
E. E. Wood & Son, fixtures town hall,	30 45	
A. L. Strong, shingle for hearse house,	3 77	
A. L. Strong, wood for town hall,	5 00	
A. L. Strong, posts and railing Depot road,	23 95	
A. M. Peck, recording deaths and mowing cemetery,	7 50	
J. D. Porter, order book,	3 50	
W. G. Bassett, legal services and fair paid in the N. H. & New Haven R. R. Co., petition,	31 58	
John Allair, funeral expenses George Allair,	20 00	
Morris Fitzgibbon, care of water trough,	2 50	
W. D. Billings, postage stamps,	1 25	
E. F. Billings, posting warrants, postage stamps,	3 75	
		\$287 94
W. C. Dickinson, cash bounties,		\$47 80
C. B. Dickinson, printing,		2 00
		<hr/> \$337 74

Respectfully submitted,

JONATHAN D. PORTER,	} Selectmen of Hatfield.
CHARLES A. JONES,	
MOSES E. WARNER,	

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen for the year ending March 1, 1888, and have found them correct with proper vouchers on file for all warrants drawn, amounting to seven thousand eight hundred eighty-six dollars and nineteen cents. (\$7,886.19.)

C. S. SHATTUCK, Auditor.

Hatfield, Mass., March 8, 1888.

Appropriations Town of Hatfield, 1887.

Highways and Bridges,	\$1,600 00	
Schools,	1,700 00	
Poor,	1,200 00	
Contingencies,	500 00	
Town Officers,	900 00	
Interest,	250 00	
School Books,	235 00	
Public Library,	300 00	
Town Debt,	1,000 00	
Music,	150 00	
Cemeteries,	100 00	
License Law,	100 00	
Old Cemetery,	30 00	
Repairs on School Houses,	150 00	
Memorial Day,	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$8,265 00

Jury List Reported by the Selectmen.

The following is the list of jurors reported by the Selectmen for the acceptance of the town for 1888.

Francis Moshier,	Charles W. Marsh,	Henry H. Field,
Cooley B. Dickinson,	John T. Fitzgibbons,	Henry Wade,
Frank H. Porter,	Arthur F. Curtis,	Edward Sheehan,
John H. Sanderson,	Michael Larkin,	E. M. Martin,
Lewis A. Billings,	Fred H. Bardwell,	Alpheus Cowles,
Charles E. Hubbard,	Mathew J. Ryan,	Joseph Statder,
David Billings, Jr.	W. R. Langdon.	

Treasurer's Report.

WM. C. DICKINSON, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
TOWN OF HATFIELD.

Dr.

To balance from old account,		\$783 93
Cash rec'd from Alvin L. Strong, collector,	\$ 981 42	
Cooley B. Dickinson, coll'r,	8,200 72	
National Bank Tax,	1,509 97	
Corporation Tax,	324 85	
School Fund,	217 33	
Dog Fund,	85 84	
State Aid,	84 00	
Town of Wenham, support		
of Mrs. Dodge,	84 79	
City of Northampton, tuition,	50 00	
Temporary support State		
paupers,	5 00	
Over pay teachers' salary,	5 60	
	<hr style="width: 100px; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"/> \$11,549 52	

TO CASH RECEIVED FROM LOANS.

Hampshire Savings Bank,	\$1,500 00	
" " "	500 00	
	<hr style="width: 100px; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"/> \$2,000 00	

CASH RECEIVED FROM TEMPORARY LOANS.

State Treasurer,	\$1,500 00
Hampshire Savings Bank,	1,500 00
“ “ “	1,000 00
“ “ “	500 00
“ “ “	500 00
	<hr/> \$5,000 00
	<hr/> \$19,333 45

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By cash paid Selectmen's orders,	\$7,886 19
State Tax,	1,215 00
County Tax,	1,348 22
Interest on notes,	201 07
Old bill, Northampton Lunatic	
Hospital, support of Mrs.	
Caleb D. Bardwell,	80 76
	<hr/> \$10,731 24

BY CASH PAID ON LOANS.

State Treasurer,	\$1,500 00
“ “	1,500 00
	<hr/> \$3,000 00

BY CASH PAID ON TEMPORARY LOANS.

State Treasurer,	\$1,500 00
Hampshire Savings Bank,	1,500 00
“ “ “	1,000 00
“ “ “	500 00
“ “ “	500 00
	<hr/> \$5,000 00
Balance in Treasury,	\$602 21
	<hr/> \$19,333 45

IN ACCOUNT WITH ALVIN L. STRONG, COLLECTOR.

Dr.

To cash received,	\$981 42
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Cr.

By uncollected taxes 1886-87,	\$981 42
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IN ACCOUNT WITH COOLEY B. DICKINSON, COLLECTOR.

Dr.

To cash received,	\$8,200 72	
Orders of abatement,	68 19	
Balance uncollected taxes,	368 33	
	<hr/>	\$8,637 24

Cr.

By Assessors' Warrant 1887-1888,	\$8,637 24
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SUMMARY.

Hampshire Savings Bank, note,	\$1,500 00	
“ “ “	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,000 00

Cash in Treasury,	\$602 21	
Uncollected taxes,	368 33	
Due from City of Northampton:		
Smith Charities' tax,	123 53	
Interest on above,	7 41	
City of Northampton, tuition,	43 00	
Town of Whately, tuition,	5 00	
State on account State paupers,	32 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,181 48

Balance against the Town,	<hr/> \$818 52
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WM. C. DICKINSON, Treasurer.

I have this day examined the books and vouchers of the Treasurer and found them correct.

C. S. SHATTUCK, Auditor.

Hatfield, Mass., March 8, 1888.

Town Clerk's Report.

The vital statistics of the Town of Hatfield, for the year 1887, are as follows:

BIRTHS BY MONTHS.

	NO.	MALES.	FEMALES.
January,	1	1	
February,	2	1	1
March,	2	2	
April,	1		1
May,	3	1	2
June,	1		1
July,	8	3	5
August,	2	2	0
September,	0	0	0
October,	8	3	5
November,	1	1	0
December,	1	1	0
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Total,	30	15	15

BIRTHPLACE OF PARENTS.

	Father.	Mother.
Born in United States,	17	18
“ Canada,	6	5
“ Germany,	5	4

Born in Ireland,	2	2
“ India,	0	1
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	30	30

Births for the five previous years :

1882	1883	1884	1885	1886
24	27	33	32	39

MARRIAGES BY MONTHS.

	NO.
January,	1
March	1
April,	2
June,	1
September, .	1
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Total,	6

First marriage of both parties,	4
First marriage bride,	2
Second marriage groom,	2
Age of oldest bride, 35 years; age of youngest brides, (2) 18 yrs.	
Age of oldest groom, 51 years; age of youngest groom, 21 years.	

BIRTHPLACE OF PERSONS MARRIED.

	Bride.	Groom.
Born in United States,	4	5
“ Canada,	1	1
“ Ireland,	1	0
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Total,	6	6

Number of certificates issued from this office, . 6

Marriages for five previous years :

1882	1883	1884	1885	1886
6	17	10	9	5

DEATHS BY MONTHS.

	NO.	MALES.	FEMALES.
January,	0	0	0
February,	2	0	2
March,	4	3	1
April,	1	1	0
May,	3	3	0
June,	2	1	1
July,	4	3	1
August,	2	1	1
September,	1	0	1
October,	1	1	0
November,	0	0	0
December,	0	0	0
Total,	<hr/> 20	<hr/> 13	<hr/> 7

Under 5 years of age,	4 males,	6 females.
Between 5 and 10,	1 “	0 “
“ 30 and 40,	0 “	1 “
“ 40 and 50,	0 “	1 “
“ 50 and 60,	0 “	1 “
“ 60 and 70,	4 “	1 “
“ 70 and 80,	4 “	2 “
	<hr/> 13	<hr/> 7

Age of oldest person deceased, 79 years, 9 months.

BIRTHPLACE OF PERSONS DECEASED.

	Males.	Females.
Born in United States,	10	4
“ Ireland,	2	2
“ Germany,	1	1
	<hr/> 13	<hr/> 7

Death rate for five preceding years:

1882	1883	1884	1885	1886
25	29	22	24	24

Causes of death classified according to nomenclature adopted by the State Board of Registration.

ZYMOTIC DISEASES.

Croup,	1
Cholera Infantum,	1
Dysentery,	1
Purpura,	1
Typhoid fever,	1

CONSTITUTIONAL DISEASES.

Phthisis, (consumption of lungs,)	2
Tubercular Meningetis,	1

LOCAL DISEASES.

Fistula,	1
Melaena,	1
Nephria, (Bright's Disease,)	1
Paralysis,	1
Pneumonia,	3

DEVELOPMENTAL DISEASES.

Infantile Debility,	1
Old Age,	2
Teething,	1

VIOLENT DEATHS.

Suicide, (Hanging,)	1
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DOGS.

The number of Dogs licensed during the year ending Nov. 30. 1887, with the receipts and settlement of the account, is as follows, viz.:

RECEIPTS.

51 male dogs, at \$2.00 each,	\$102 00	
2 female dogs, at \$5.00 each,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$112 00
Less fees, 53 Dogs, at 20 cents each,		10 60
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		\$101 40
Paid Lewis Warner, County Treasurer,		\$101 40

Amount paid County Treasurer on this account for the five previous years.

1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.
\$63	\$80.40	\$72	\$92.40	\$101.40

There have been recorded in the Town Clerk's office, from March 1st, 1887, to March 1st, 1888, 20 mortgages of personal property, one assignment of wages. All other papers three.

Respectfully submitted.

W. D. BILLINGS, Town Clerk.

REPORT

OF THE

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The Library Committee present the following Report:

Of the \$302.37, which has been expended this year for the Library, \$86.94 was paid for books, binding and expressage. Of this sum, \$59.37 was used to pay an old bill.

The re-arranging and re-cataloguing cost \$203.44. This amount exceeds somewhat the estimate of the Committee. The excess is due to the expense involved in supplying two new book cases, which were found to be necessary. The cases cost \$26.

The new system was at first a trial to some patrons, because they were denied direct access to the books. Your Committee are satisfied, however, that the system has many advantages to compensate for this deprivation. Now every book in the library has its place, determined by its subject; and the librarian can tell at once where it is. The pupils in the Academy, under the direction of their teachers, and also the teachers and pupils in some of the public schools, are drawing more and more on the library, for help in their studies.

It has been suggested that the present card catalogue be supplemented by a printed catalogue. The Committee could not make such a catalogue this year, for lack of funds. They have doubts, too, of its expediency. Such a catalogue soon gets out of date. The Committee feel also, that the more the present

catalogue is used, the more it will prove itself satisfactory and sufficient.

There remains unpaid a bill for binding, of \$63, due Messrs. Hubbard & Taber, of Holyoke. Your Committee would gladly have put off this work until another year. But the books that needed binding, were those most constantly called for. This fact led the Committee to have them bound without delay.

Mr. Sanderson reports that about 130 books are issued each week. Of this number the pupils of the Academy take 30. About 150 cards are issued. This would mean that about one-half of the families in town patronize the Library.

For the coming year, your Committee recommend an appropriation of \$250.00.

Respectfully Submitted.

ROBERT M. WOODS.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Our report shows a deficiency of \$173.43 over receipts from all sources. Last year, with the same appropriation as this year, there was an unexpended balance of \$77.86. This balance, however, should be reduced by \$44.50—coal bill left unpaid—and \$16.00—janitor's bill left unpaid, which would leave unexpended \$7.36. But that year was commenced with an unexpended balance from the preceding year of \$219.09; so the unexpended balance was reduced \$211.73 during the year, showing that, on the basis of last year's expenses, the appropriation was not large enough, with other money usually available, to run the schools.

Expenses, however, have been larger than last year. Fuel bills have amounted to \$220.68 against \$181.69 last year—a difference of \$38.99.

Teachers have received \$51.50 more than last year and \$13.00 more than the average of the three years previous; but the same rule has been followed as to wages as for the past few years—giving \$6 per week for the first year's service and afterward \$7. We might have displaced some of our experienced teachers at the end of the spring term and given their places to beginners at \$6 per week; but we considered this too great a risk of the efficiency of our schools to be made at that time.

Janitor bills are much larger than in previous years except last

year, and only \$9.54 less than last year. The increased expenditure for janitors, begun last year and continued through this, seems a justifiable outlay.

Another item of expense has been \$33.75 for encyclopedias. This was made under the regulation allowing .25 of the income of the State school fund to be used for maps and books of reference. Some outlay was made for items of this class last year but does not appear in the report under this head.

In making this purchase we have assumed that, while, like the extra outlay for experienced teachers, it might have been avoided, the town does not choose to sacrifice everything pertaining to the efficiency of its schools to the question of economy.

Our expenditures for maps and books of reference for the last six years has not been large—aggregating \$91.20 or an average of \$15.20 per year. This is less than has been expended in some neighboring towns where not nearly as much is done for schools as here. With the exception of the primary maps purchased last year, and which experience proves to have been a *very* judicious expenditure, we have not purchased wall maps or anatomical charts; believing we could better get along without them than other things for which we needed the money.

In making purchases, however, we have carefully discriminated against what was for mere show, and also everything that could be extemporized in the schoolroom.

We think our schools would be much improved were they to adopt a definite course of study. Each year's work should be marked out and examinations of classes held to test their ability to go on with the next year's work. Much has been done by our teachers in the past to modernize their schools, so that some of the schools are in a condition to adopt such a course with little inconvenience.

In the course we have prepared, the year's work will be about the same as is required of pupils of equal age in the grades of city schools. Thus the kind of instruction and the order of its introduction will be what is approved by experienced educators. To develop the pupil's mind symmetrically, according to the best models we have, more training of the eye and the hand than has

been usual in our schools will be required, and more cultivation of language.

The experiment of utilizing such a course will be tried in one or two at least of our schools the coming year. If such a course is adopted it will be more necessary even than now that all beginners should come in together each year and be kept in school continuously till their school course is ended. Without the advantage of full time, children cannot expect to pass examinations and will have to drop into classes below.

Extra work and outside assistance, more than ever before, will be found a poor substitute for regular school work. Teachers are now kept on duty an extra half hour each day solely to aid those who are behind on account of absences, but this accomplishes only in a lame and deficient way the work done in the regular classes; nor can teaching at home give better results.

Teachers have done much work outside of school hours, and have been ready to promote the good of all the schools as well as to do what narrowly concerned their own. The labor of revising our list of readers and selecting supplemental reading and reference books, mainly done by them, has consumed much time.

To say our schools have been successful in the sense of running smoothly and with common approval is matter of small congratulation to us. It is said of schools that bear poor comparison to ours in point of efficiency. If they have not improved upon the work of previous years, good as that has been, our hope and that of the teachers has failed.

Scholars who have been neither absent or tardy during the year:—Mary Fairbank, Mary Walfram, Eddie Briggs, Edith Burns, Ella Baker, Carrie Warner and Emma Smith.

STATEMENT OF SCHOOLS, TEACHERS EM-
PLOYED, &c.

CENTER—GRAMMAR.

Miss Eunice J. Morton.

Number of scholars enrolled,	22
Average membership,	17
Average attendance,	15
Number of scholars over 15 years of age,	1
Number of weeks school,	35
Amount paid as wages,	\$245.00

CENTER—PRIMARY.

Miss Carrie L. Warner.

Number of scholars enrolled,	48
Average membership,	39
Average attendance,	36
Number of weeks school,	35
Amount paid as wages,	\$245.00

HILL—GRAMMAR.

Miss Elsie E. Elder.

Number of scholars enrolled,	25
Average membership,	19
Average attendance,	16
Number of weeks school,	35
Amount paid as wages,	\$245.00

HILL—PRIMARY.

Miss Mary A. Waite.

Number of scholars enrolled,	41
Average membership,	32
Average attendance,	30
Number of scholars under 5 years of age,	1
Number of weeks school,	35
Amount paid as wages,	\$245.00

WEST HATFIELD—GRAMMAR.

Miss Carrie S. Porter.

Number of scholars enrolled,	28
Average membership,	22
Average attendance,	20
Number of scholars over 15 years of age,	3
Amount paid as wages,	\$245.00

WEST HATFIELD—PRIMARY.

Miss Gertrude A. Strong.

Number of scholars enrolled,	34
Average membership,	30
Average attendance,	26
Number of weeks school,	35
Amount paid as wages,	\$223.00

WEST BROOK.

Miss Kate Wells.

Number of scholars enrolled,	38
Average membership,	30
Average attendance,	23
Number of scholars over 15 years of age,	3
Number of weeks school,	35
Amount paid as wages,	\$245.00

FARMS.

Misses Lotta Porter and Hattie A. Carl.

Number of scholars enrolled,	27
Average membership,	22
Average attendance,	22
Number of scholars over 15 years of age,	1
Number of weeks school,	35
Amount paid as wages,	\$234.00

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Number of persons between 5 and 15 years,	253
“ “ “ 8 and 14 years,	158
“ of scholars enrolled,	263
“ “ between 5 and 15 years,	254
“ “ “ 8 and 14 years,	160
Average membership in all the schools for the year,	211
Average attendance in all the schools for the year,	188
Number of scholars over 15 years of age,	8
Number of scholars under 5 years of age,	1

APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIPTS.

Balance unexpended last year,	\$ 77 86
Appropriated by the town,	1,700 00
Received from State Fund,	217 33
“ “ Dog Fund,	85 84
“ “ Tuition Northampton,	50 00
“ “ Over pay of Teacher,	5 60
	<hr/> \$2,136 63

Amount expended for teachers,	\$1,927 60	
“ “ wood and coal,	220 18	
“ “ care school houses,	128 03	
“ “ Encyclopedias,	33 75	
	<hr/>	\$2,310 06
Expended over receipts,		\$173.43
Appropriation for music,		\$150.00
Amount paid Prof. Charmbury,		150.00

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Amount expended for Books and supplies, \$250.00

Estimates of Appropriations required for 1888-89.

For Schools,	\$2,000 00
Books and supplies,	250 00
Music,	150 00

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. BARTON,	}	School Committee.
S. S. DWIGHT,		
GEORGE C. MARSH,		

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF HATFIELD,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1889.



NORTHAMPTON, MASS.:
GAZETTE PRINTING COMPANY.
1889.

ARTICLES IN THE WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING,
MARCH 18, 1889.

ARTICLE 1.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2.—To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing, including one member of the School Committee for three years.

ART. 3.—To choose an Elector under the Will of the late Oliver Smith, Esq.

ART. 4.—To revise and accept the list of Jurors as submitted by the Selectmen.

ART. 5.—To hear the report of the Selectmen, Treasurer, and School Committee, and act thereon.

ART. 6.—To receive and pass on Town accounts.

ART. 7.—To take action in relation to raising money to defray the necessary expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

ART. 8.—To see what method the town will adopt for the maintenance and repairs of highways and bridges for the ensuing year.

ART. 9.—To see what action the town will take in relation to the prompt payment of taxes the ensuing year.

ART. 10.—To see if the town will raise money to pay the outstanding debts of the town.

ART. 11.—To see if the town will make an appropriation for the Public Library, and choose a committee for the same.

ART. 12.—To take action in relation to the support of the poor for the ensuing year.

ART. 13.—To see if the town will make an appropriation to defray the expenses of celebrating Memorial Day.

ART. 14.—To take action under Chap. 100, Sec. 5, of the Public Statutes, in answer to the question, “Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?” All ballots shall have the words Yes and No printed on the same ballot. In order to ascertain the result of the vote upon said question, every such ballot from which the word No is crossed out or erased shall be counted as a vote in the affirmative, and every such ballot from which the word Yes is so crossed out or erased shall be counted as a vote in the negative, but no ballot shall be counted as a vote upon the question unless one of the said words has been so crossed out or erased therefrom and the other remains thereon.

ART. 15.—To see if the town will pay a bounty for the killing of noxious animals and birds.

ART. 16.—To see if the town will employ a teacher of music in the schools.

ART. 17.—To see if the town will take action in relation to the cemeteries of the town.

ART. 18.—To see if the town will take action in relation to rebuilding Hill Bridge so called.

ART. 19.—To see if the town will appoint an agent to look after the interest of individuals in town where the town is likely to be held responsible for the support of said persons.

ART. 20.—To see if the town will do anything to protect the river bank from washing at the bridge near the house of Henry R. Graves.

ART. 21.—To see what action the town will take under the law of 1888 with reference to a school superintendent.

ART. 22.—To see if the town will appropriate money for special repairs on school houses and the construction of out-buildings.

ART. 23.—To see if the town will take any action on the matter of drainage from the dwellings of those living on Chestnut street, and make an appropriation for the same.

ART. 24.—To take action in relation to a claim the town has against Alvin Sanderson and John E. Doane.

Selectmen's Report.

To the Inhabitants of Hatfield:

Your Selectmen have finished their duties for another year, and find the expenses of the town for the past year to come within the appropriations raised at the town meeting last March. The roads and bridges are all in good repair except the one at Pine Bridge, so called, which will need some repairing ; and the Hill Bridge may have to be rebuilt ; also quite a sum is needed to repair a washout at Little Ponsett Hill. The roads in the other parts of the town are in good repair so far as we can judge. We have expended some of the money raised for special repairs at West Brook, and the depot road, and the road leading from the hill to the depot.

POOR.

As recommended by the Board last year, we still recommend a different policy in regard to money expended for the Poor of the town. We think if some suitable place could be procured by the town and all of the persons supported by the town boarded there together we should be relieved of considerable expense, also decreasing the number of tramps to provide lodgings for.

We are having the following persons boarded in private families :

Charles Morton,	aged 74,	at \$3.00 per week.
Michael Ryan,	" 81,	" 2.00 "
Patrick Russell,	" 62,	" 2.75 "
Joseph Beauregard	" 81,	" 2.00 "
Letta Wheeler,	" 9,	" 1.50 "
John Tobin,	" 7,	" 1.50 "

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Besides A. M. Richmond at the hospital, Joseph Proux and family are being temporarily aided, they living in Northampton. And we have been obliged to help the family of Larry Powers some, but think they will support themselves soon. Also the wife of Daniel Dolon requires some aid.

The number of tramps provided lodging for the year, 45.

OLD BILLS, 1888.

M. H. Burke, repairs on school houses,	\$47 40	
L. Crafts, labor on school house,	2 00	
Carlton C. Crafts, labor on highway,	1 50	
James Mullen, labor on bridge,	2 00	
Horace Shumway, labor on highway,	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 102 90

FOOT WALK AT HILL BRIDGE.

Jared Remington, labor on foot walks,	\$14 37	
George Budner, " " "	14 00	
E. E. Wood & Son, bolts and spikes,	4 80	
A. L. Strong, planks,	39 06	
David Billings, stone posts,	8 00	
E. Hamnell, iron cable,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$90 23

BREAKING ROADS AND SHOVELING SNOW, MARCH, 1888.

John Batzhold, shoveling snow,	\$6 75
George Steele, " "	3 00
John Kiley, " "	1 80
John Steele, " "	2 25
John May, " "	1 65
George Phiffer, " "	5 25
John Statder, " "	2 75
John Stringline, " "	4 11
Ernest Gordon, breaking roads,	3 50
Frank Newman, shoveling snow,	2 25
George D. Howe, " "	2 50
David Powers, " "	4 37

William Holden, breaking roads,	\$13 50
C. B. Dickinson, " "	17 25
Fred Jubenville, " "	1 50
D. W. Wells, " "	4 87
Henry Balise, " "	8 00
Phillip Jubenville, " "	13 00
C. H. Waite, Shoveling snow,	75
John Karin, " "	3 00
J. D. Porter, breaking roads,	4 00
F. G. Bardwell, " "	5 00
O. S. Graves, " "	2 50
Oscar Belden, " "	5 00
Carlton H. Crafts, " "	1 50
C. W. Wolfram, " "	2 75
John McHugh, " "	3 00
A. L. Strong, " "	2 50
H. G. Moore, " "	2 00
A. E. Harris, " "	3 50
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	\$133 80

POOR.

Mary Wheeler, board of Lotta Wheeler,	\$78 00
Lewis Murray, board of Patrick Russell,	49 35
John Goodchild, " " "	93 25
Peter Balise, board of Joseph Beauregard,	104 00
John Karin, board of Michael Ryan,	92 00
William W. Field, board of Charles Morton,	159 65
N. L. Hospital, board of A. M. Richmond,	171 42
" " " Catherine Tobin,	27 07
T. Baggs, lodging tramps,	21 50
Fred Jubenville, lodging tramps,	4 50
N. P. Gould, wood for Mrs. Kennedy,	2 25
R. P. Smith, coal " "	4 00
Albert Marsh, lodging tramps,	2 00
Sisters of Charity, board of John Tobin,	102 00
City of Northampton, support of Daniel Dolon and wife,	70 40
City of Northampton, burial of child of Joseph Proux,	8 00

W. M. Lyons for T. Baggs, lodging tramps,	\$14 00	
Joseph Proux, care of Frank Ballou,	23 00	
T. A. Orcutt, funeral expenses Frank Ballou,	14 00	
Graves Bros., team for Joseph Proux,	2 00	
W. H. Dickinson, house rent Mary E. Waite,	10 00	
Mrs. Lamprow, lodging tramps,	50	
C. M. Barton, medical attendance on poor for the years 1886-87-88,	73 60	
	<hr/>	\$1,126 79

To be paid by the town of Wenham :		
For Mrs. Dodge, support, cash,	\$50 00	
W. H. Dickinson, house rent,	32 00	
N. P. Gould, wood,	2 25	
	<hr/>	\$84 25

To be paid by the State :		
Support of E. P. Clark,		76 00
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		\$1,287 04

To be paid by the State for support of Daniel Dolon,	35 20
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STATE AID.

Mrs. Covill,	\$24 00	
Mrs. Anderson,	24 00	
	<hr/>	\$48 00

SEATS FOR SCHOOL HOUSES AT WEST HATFIELD
AND WEST BROOK.

Winchester Furniture Co., desks and fixtures,	\$176 30	
Conn. R. R. Co., for freight,	7 35	
American Express Co., expressage,	65	
Joseph Hebert, lumber,	12 00	
P. M. Wells, labor and drawing desks,	4 00	
Frank Cutter, carting and placing desks.	2 25	
John Statder, labor West Hatfield and West Brook,	8 75	
	<hr/>	\$211 30

SCHOOL BOOKS.

S. E. Bridgman, encyclopedias,	\$33 75
American Express Co., expressage,	75
Leach & Sewell, books,	9 72
S. E. Bridgman, “	110 40
King & Merrill, blank books,	39 96
Ginn & Co., text books,	1 88
S. E. Bridgman, school books,	90 03
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	\$286 49

SCHOOLS.

Carrie L. Warner, teaching,	\$247 00
Eunice J. Morton, “	73 00
Elsie E. Elder, “	63 00
Mary L. Waite, “	143 00
Rosella E. Clark, “	217 00
Lizzie D. Porter, “	186 00
Kate Wells, “	217 00
Hattie A. Carl, “	199 00
Grace B. Marsh, “	132 00
Martha P. Swinerton, “	132 00
Seraph M. Loomis, “	84 00
George E. Barton, janitor,	6 50
Eddie Breor, “	5 00
Oscar E. Belden, “	5 35
David Powers, drawing wood and coal, W. Brook	10 50
E. M. Martin, coal W. Farms and W. Brook,	40 60
Willie Burke, janitor,	3 50
Mrs. Videmyre, “	4 75
John Manchester, “	2 25
R. P. Smith, coal,	112 65
F. G. Bardwell, wood,	20 25
Mrs. Michael Barry, janitor,	2 50
Horace Shumway, drawing coal,	2 15
John E. Doane, wood,	4 25
G. F. Cutter, drawing and sawing wood,	3 00
L. C. Clark, wood and sawing,	7 88
Harry Howard, janitor,	9 75
Homer Rabboin, “	9 75

Henry Wolfram, “	\$6 50
Sarah McHugh, sweeping, Center,	7 50
Hattie Kingsley, “ Hill,	7 50
Mrs. Henry Videmyre, sweeping, W. Brooks,	3 25
Morris Powers, janitor, Farms,	9 75
Mrs. Smith, janitor, West Hatfield,	23 25
Harry Howard, sawing wood,	2 00
Homer Rabboin, “ “	2 00
David Powers, drawing wood,	4 00
	<hr/> \$1,999 38

SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS AND SUPPLIES.

John Statder, labor,	\$24 50
E. E. Wood & Son, supplies,	16 03
T. Baggs, brick,	4 67
Charles H. Jones, door and Sash,	6 38
L. H. Faber, cleaning and repairing clocks,	5 87
Mrs. Thomas Fitzgerald, cleaning,	5 00
Edgar P. Lyman, labor, repairing,	23 83
Milton Bradley & Co., school utensils,	2 77
M. C. Howard, paint and material,	12 82
Betsy Videmyre, sweeping,	3 10
Mrs. Joseph Rabboin, “	2 50
G. E. Barton, cleaning, Center,	5 00
Sarah McHugh, “	4 50
Hattie Kingsley, “ Hill,	4 50
Mrs. Michael Barry, cleaning W. Farms,	2 25
George S. Perry, school supplies,	4 80
Eames & Sprague, school supplies,	1 13
P. L. Hammett, material for black boards,	23 40
Warner & Dibble, repairs on stoves,	28 29
Shumway & Riley, repairs and slating,	33 42
J. H. Howard, school supplies,	6 73
Mrs. Smith, cleaning,	5 00
C. M. Barton, cash paid for sundries,	19 61
E. M. Martin, school supplies,	2 73
I. R. Clark, school supplies,	10 27
	<hr/> \$259 10

HIGHWAYS—HILL DISTRICT.

C. L. Graves,	\$72 37
Moses Kingsley,	4 00
H. S. Hubbard,	17 31
James Porter,	6 50
C. L. Warner,	14 70
L. S. Dyer,	9 75
Charles Kingsley,	6 25
W. M. Jones,	45 28
B. M. Warner,	12 01
John Smith,	2 50
Frederick Wagner,	2 25
Horace Shumway,	32 00
Thaddeus Graves,	15 65
J. D. Porter, labor and money paid,	4 50
A. H. Graves,	19 04
Lewis Rabboin,	18 50
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	\$282 61

HIGHWAYS—WEST BROOK.

F. C. Crafts,	\$19 25
L. C. Crafts, earth,	22 00
Carlton H. Crafts,	14 00
A. Crafts,	4 50
W. Wenzell,	4 50
George Anderson,	3 00
Dwight Morton,	7 50
C. Carson,	4 50
W. Holden,	7 00
J. T. Fitzgibbons,	12 25
F. G. Bardwell,	19 50
P. Jubenville,	15 00
John Karin,	3 00
George Phifer,	4 50
Morris Fitzgibbons,	2 50
F. C. Crafts,	14 75
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	\$157 75

HIGHWAYS—SOUTH CENTER.

D. W. Wells, labor,	\$120 36	
Nicholas Powers, labor,	3 75	
	<hr/>	\$124 11

HIGHWAYS—NORTH CENTER.

Frederick Carl,	\$103 74	
Edwin Brainard,	20 11	
Mert. Hamnel, A. Ferry,	16 95	
John McHugh,	3 62	
James Breor,	5 00	
W. H. Dickinson,	3 82	
	<hr/>	\$152 94

HIGHWAYS—NORTH HATFIELD.

O. S. Graves,	\$55 16	
E. F. Cooley,	11 76	
H. G. Moore,	11 25	
E. W. Field, labor and earth,	14 46	
F. Moshier,	1 00	
Charles Waite,	1 76	
Oscar Belden,	3 25	
Charles Bartlett,	9 75	
H. H. Field,	3 25	
A. S. Jones & Sons,	11 62	
David Powers,	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$125 76

HIGHWAYS—WEST HATFIELD.

Peter Saffa, labor,	\$128 61	
“ “ special,	34 78	
John Danenlin, special,	16 00	
G. A. Cutter, labor,	3 00	
Peter Saffa, blasting and drawing stone,	11 55	
	<hr/>	\$193 94

BRIDGES.

Jeseph Murray, labor on bridges,	\$17 00	
Peter Saffa,	17 06	
A. L. Strong, plank and lumber,	60 31	
H. G. Moore, plank,	9 84	
Horace Shumway, lumber,	41 05	
O. S. Graves, lumber,	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$153 26

REPAIRS ON HALLS.

M. H. Burke,	\$50 00
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PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Hubbard & Taber, binding books,	\$63 00	
J. H. Sanderson, services as librarian,	57 70	
E. F. Billings, book for library,	2 90	
S. E. Bridgman, books,	101 57	
Dearden & Noble, lamps and chimneys,	9 23	
R. M. Woods, books,	4 00	
W. D. Billings, labor,	6 00	
Horace Shumway, expressage,	5 60	
	<hr/>	\$250 00

MUSIC IN SCHOOLS.

Prof. Thomas Charmburg, teacher music,	\$150 00
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MEMORIAL DAY.

A. L. Strong,	\$50 00
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TOWN OFFICERS, 1887.

Moses E. Warner, services as Selectman,	\$50 00	
Charles A. Jones, " "	50 00	
Jonathan D. Porter, " "	125 00	
W. C. Dickinson, services as Treasurer,	100 00	
C. B. Dickinson, Collector of Taxes,	97 00	
	<hr/>	\$422 00

TOWN OFFICERS, 1888.

John Fitzgibbons, services as Assessor,	\$55 00	
C. L. Warner, " "	26 25	
W. D. Billings, " "	75 00	
W. D. Billings, Town Clerk and Registrar of Voters,	75 00	
W. D. Billings, recording births, marriages and deaths,	17 55	
W. D. Billings, services as Constable,	3 00	
D. W. Wells, services as Elector,	10 00	
C. M. Barton, services as School Committee,	125 00	
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		\$386 80

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT.

J. D. Porter, expenses to Holyoke, pauper case,	\$4 85	
" " repairs on Town Hall,	6 00	
" " order book, postage stamps and stationery,	5 50	
Dane Kingsley, tending ferry,	3 25	
A. M. Peck, stools and rubber cloth,	6 00	
W. H. Dickinson, V. I. Society,	100 00	
L. S. Crafts, care of water trough 1887-88,	10 00	
N. P. Gould, labor at the old cemetery,	5 50	
Wade, Warner & Co., printing reports and ballots,	36 20	
W. D. Billings, Henry Childs for record books,	5 00	
A. L. Strong, wood for Town Hall,	5 00	
Edgar P. Lyman, repairs on Town Hall and Hearse House,	12 95	
Horace Fitzgibbons, care of water trough,	2 50	
A. M. Peck, recording deaths,	5 50	
W. G. Bassett, legal services N. H. & N. R. R.,	35 98	
C. D. Bardwell, services as janitor Town Hall and extra work,	22 50	
W. D. Billings, postage,	2 00	
W. M. Dougherty, painting guide boards,	3 75	
S. P. Billings, services for the town,	11 00	
J. D. Porter, spikes,	6 12	

J. H. Howard, nails and spikes,	\$4 51	
Ernest Gason, wood for town hall.	18 00	
Charles K. Morton, services as committee on railroads,	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$337 11

Respectfully submitted,

JONATHAN D. PORTER,	}	<i>Selectmen of Hatfield.</i>
CHARLES A. JONES,		
MOSES E. WARNER,		

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen for the year ending March 1, 1889, and have found them correct, with proper vouchers on file for all warrants drawn, amounting to seven thousand two hundred fifty-four dollars and sixty-two cents (\$7,254.62).

D. W. WELLS, *Auditor.*

HATFIELD, March 4, 1888.

APPROPRIATIONS TOWN OF HATFIELD, 1888.

Highways and Bridges,	\$1,500 00
Schools,	1,700 00
Poor,	1,200 00
Contingencies,	500 00
Town Officers,	900 00
Interest,	200 00
School Books,	235 00
Public Library,	250 00
Town Debt,	1,000 00
Music,	150 00
Cemeteries,	100 00
Memorial Day,	50 00
Foot Walks,	60 00
Seats for School Houses,	230 00
Repairs on Halls,	50 00
	————— \$8,125 00

LIST OF JURORS REPORTED BY THE SELECTMEN.

The following is the List of Jurors reported by the Selectmen for the acceptance of the town for the year 1889 :

W. B. Langdon, Charles W. Marsh, Edward Sheehan, B. M. Warner, Thomas Nolan, E. M. Martin, John T. Fitzgibbons, Lewis A. Billings, Arthur F. Curtis, E. B. Dickinson, Cooley B. Dickinson, Frank H. Porter, Silas S. Dwight, Fred H. Bardwell, John H. Sanderson, Henry G. Moore, Henry Wade, David Billings, W. H. Dickinson, Matthew J. Ryan.

Treasurer's Report.

W. C. DICKINSON, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
TOWN OF HATFIELD.

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By cash paid Selectmen's orders,	\$7,254 62
State Tax,	1,215 00
County Tax,	1,490 14
Interest on Notes,	186 24
	———— \$10,146 00

BY CASH PAID ON PERMANENT LOANS.

Hampshire Savings Bank,	\$1,500 00
“ “ “	500 00
	———— \$2,000 00

BY CASH PAID ON TEMPORARY LOANS.

Hampshire Savings Bank,	\$500 00
“ “ “	500 00
“ “ “	500 00
“ “ “	500 00
“ “ “	500 00
	———— \$2,500 00
	—————
	\$14,646 00

Dr.

To balance from old account,		\$602 21
Cash rec'd from Cooley B. Dickinson, coll'r,	8,787 77	
National Bank Tax,	1,642 33	
Corporation Tax,	309 40	
School Fund,	208 03	
Support of State Paupers,	108 43	
Dog Fund,	89 75	
Smith Charities Tax,	57 25	
City of Northampton, tuition,	55 25	
State Aid,	48 00	
C. D. Bardwell,	22 50	
Memorial Day appropriation,	12 10	
Town of Wenham, support of Mrs. Dodge,	84 25	
	<hr/>	\$11,425 06

TO CASH RECEIVED FROM TEMPORARY LOANS.

Hampshire Savings Bank,	\$500 00	
“ “ “	500 00	
“ “ “	500 00	
“ “ “	500 00	
“ “ “	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,500 00
Balance due the Treasurer,		118 73
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		\$14,646 00

IN ACCOUNT WITH COOLEY B. DICKINSON, COLLECTOR.

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By balance uncollected taxes, 1887-8,	\$ 368 33	
Assessors' Warrant, 1888-89,	9,079 74	
Interest on taxes,	27 55	
	<hr/>	\$9,475 62

Dr.

To cash received,	\$8,787 77	
Discount on taxes,	240 71	
Orders of abatement,	25 66	
Balance uncollected taxes,	421 48	
	<hr/>	\$9,475 62

SUMMARY.

Uncollected taxes,	\$421 48	
Due from C. D. Bardwell,	58 26	
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Due the Treasurer,		118 73
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Balance in favor of the town,		\$361 01

I have this day examined the books of the Treasurer and find them correctly cast and properly vouched, and that there is due the Treasurer one hundred eighteen and seventy-three one-hundredths dollars.

D. W. WELLS, *Auditor.*

HATFIELD, March 4, 1889.

Town Clerk's Report.

The vital statistics of the Town of Hatfield, for the year 1888, are as follows :—

BIRTHS BY MONTHS.

	NO.	MALES.	FEMALES.
January,	0	0	0
February,	1	0	1
March,	2	2	0
April,	3	1	2
May,	2	2	0
June,	1	0	1
July,	2	1	1
August,	3	1	2
September,	3	3	0
October,	2	0	2
November,	1	0	1
December,	2	1	1
	—	—	—
Total,	22	11	11

BIRTHPLACE OF PARENTS.

	FATHER.	MOTHER.
Born in United States,	16	17
“ Canada,	4	4
“ Ireland,	1	1
“ England,	1	
	—	—
	22	22

Births for the five previous years :

1883	1884	1885	1886	1887
27	33	32	39	30

MARRIAGES BY MONTHS.

April,	1
May,	1
August,	1
September,	1
October,	1
November,	1
December,	1
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Total,	7
First marriage of both parties,	5
First marriage of bride,	1
Second marriage of groom,	1
Second marriage of bride,	1
Third marriage of groom,	1
Age of oldest bride,	60 years.
Age of youngest bride,	19 “
Age of oldest groom,	60 “
Age of youngest groom,	23 “

BIRTHPLACE OF PERSONS MARRIED.

	BRIDE.	GROOM.
Born in United States,	6	5
“ Ireland,	1	1
“ Germany,		1
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	7	7

Number of certificates of marriages issued from this office, 8

Marriages recorded for the five previous years :

1883	1884	1885	1886	1887
7	10	9	5	6

DEATHS BY MONTHS.

	NO.	MALES.	FEMALES.
January,	2	1	1
February,	3	2	1
March,	2	2	0
April,	3	2	1
May,	2	1	1
June,	1	1	0
July,	1	0	1
August,	1	0	1
September,	1	1	0
October,	0	0	0
November,	2	2	0
December,	4	2	2
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Total,	22	14	8

	MALES.	FEMALES.
Under 5 years of age,	1	3
Between 5 and 10,	0	0
“ 10 and 20,	1	0
“ 20 and 30,	1	0
“ 40 and 50,	0	1
“ 50 and 60,	2	1
“ 60 and 70,	3	1
“ 70 and 80,	5	2
“ 80 and 90,	1	0
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	14	8

Age of oldest person deceased, 85 years.

BIRTHPLACE OF PERSONS DECEASED.

	MALES.	FEMALES.
Born in United States,	11	7
“ Ireland,	3	1
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	14	8

Deaths for the five preceeding years :

1883	1884	1885	1886	1887
29	22	24	24	20

Causes of death classified according to the nomenclature adopted by the State Board of Registration.

ZYMOTIC DISEASES.

Diphtheria	1
Disease of Heart,	1

CONSTITUTIONAL DISEASES.

Cancer,	2
Mortification,	1
Phthisis (Consumption of Lungs),	4

LOCAL DISEASES.

Apoplexy,	4
Convulsions,	1
Pneumonia,	1
Peritonitis,	1
Hernia,	1
Nephria (Brights Disease),	2
Bronchitis,	1

DEVELOPMENTAL DISEASES.

Infantile Debility,	1
Still-born,	1

DOGS.

The number of Dogs licensed during the year ending Nov. 30, 1888, with the receipts and settlement of the account with the County Treasurer, is as follows :

RECEIPTS.

60 male dogs, at \$2.00 each,	\$120 00	
3 female dogs, at \$5.00 each,	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$135 00
Less fees, 63 dogs at 20 cents each,		12 60
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		\$122 40
Paid Lewis Warner, County Treasurer,		\$122 40

Amount paid the County Treasurer on this account for the five previous years :

1883	1884	1885	1886	1887
\$80.40	\$72.00	\$92.40	\$101.40	\$101.40

There have been recorded in the Town Clerk's office from March 1st, 1888, to March 1st, 1889, eight mortgages of personal property. All other papers, two.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. BILLINGS, *Town Clerk.*

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The schools have suffered considerably from the loss of efficient and experienced teachers. The loss of such teachers is a serious one, when we consider that not more than one in ten who attempt teaching is gifted to teach well, and even a naturally gifted teacher requires six or eight years' experience to mature her. [Springfield allows its teachers to reach the maximum salary in eight years.] In the interest of the town, it is certain that trained and talented teachers ought not to be allowed to leave our schools on account of pay. A just discrimination on the part of the committee would give that rank to but few, and these could be made useful beyond their own schools to all the teachers and schools in town.

The course of study mentioned in last year's report has been used and more or less closely conformed to in all the schools. It has served to show beginners how far pupils had progressed, what was before them, how much they ought to accomplish, and in what order subjects should be taken up. Stricter conformity to it would prevent teachers from pushing some favorite study or a favorite class to the neglect of others, a fault still sometimes seen in our schools.

The law of 1888 provides that two or more towns may unite in employing a superintendent of schools. The towns so uniting must have together not more than fifty nor less than thirty schools, and the valuation of each town must not exceed \$2,500-000. The law also provides that \$1,000 shall be paid by the State to the towns so uniting, at the end of each year in which they have maintained a school superintendent; of which \$500 shall go towards the salary of the superintendent and \$500 towards salaries of teachers, provided, however, the towns together have raised \$750 for salary of superintendent and each town has raised for schools an amount equal to the average amount raised by that town during the three years next preceding.

Should Hatfield unite with Williamsburg and Hadley to form a superintendent district, its share of the \$750 to be raised for superintendent's salary would be about \$170, and it would receive of the \$500 to go towards teachers' salaries, \$113. Thus the town would actually raise but \$170 more than it now does, and \$113, or all but \$57, would go to lengthen its schools.

Williamsburg and Hadley seem convenient towns with which to unite, and some correspondence has been had with their committees, who express themselves favorable to it.

The need of such superintendence is apparent, and its benefits would be immediate and emphatic. "The duties of selecting and examining teachers, of arranging courses of study, of directing methods of instruction and school government, of providing proper means of teaching and study, and inspecting schools with reference to their management and progress," certainly cannot be well performed by an improvised school committee, devoting most of their time and thought to other matters.

A special appropriation will be needed for outbuildings at the Center, West Hatfield, and West Brook, to make these accommodations conform to the suggestions of the agent of the State Board of Education.

STATEMENT OF SCHOOLS, TEACHERS EMPLOYED, &c.

CENTER—GRAMMAR.

Eunice J. Morton, Grace B. Marsh.

Number of scholars enrolled,	31
Average membership,	22
Average attendance,	20
Number of weeks school,	31
Amount paid as wages,	\$195

CENTER—PRIMARY.

Carrie L. Warner.

Number of scholars enrolled,	42
Average membership,	39
Average attendance,	35
Number of scholars under 5 years of age,	1
Number of weeks school,	32
Amount paid as wages,	\$247

HILL—GRAMMAR..

Elsie E. Elder, Mary L. Waite, Seraph M. Loomis.

Number of scholars enrolled,	13
Average membership,	14
Average attendance,	12
Number of scholars over 15 years of age,	3
Number of weeks school,	31
Amount paid as wages,	\$227

HILL—PRIMARY.

Mary L. Waite, Martha P. Swinerton.

Number of scholars enrolled,	49
Average membership,	33
Average attendance,	27
Number of weeks school,	31
Amount paid as wages,	\$195

WEST HATFIELD—GRAMMAR.

Rosella E. Clark.

Number of scholars enrolled,	33
Average attendance,	29
Average membership,	26
Number of scholars over 15 years of age,	2
Number of weeks school,	31
Amount paid as wages,	\$217

WEST HATFIELD—PRIMARY.

Lizzie D. Porter.

Number of scholars enrolled,	29
Average membership,	26
Average attendance,	24
Number of scholars under 5 years of age,	
Number of weeks school,	31
Amount paid as wages,	\$186

WEST BROOK.

Number of scholars enrolled,	36
Average membership,	28
Average attendance,	25
Number of scholars over 15 years of age,	2
Number of weeks school,	31
Amount paid as wages,	\$217

FARMS.

Hattie A. Carl.

Number of scholars enrolled,	31
Average membership,	25
Average attendance,	23
Number of scholars over 15 years of age,	3
Number of scholars under 5 years of age,	2
Number of weeks school,	31
Amount paid as wages,	\$199

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Number of persons between 5 and 15 years,	239
“ “ “ 8 and 14 years,	149
“ scholars enrolled,	264
“ “ between 5 and 15 years,	251
“ “ “ 8 and 14 years,	156
Average membership in all the schools,	216
Average attendance in all the schools,	192
Number of scholars over 15 years of age,	10
Number of scholars under 5 years of age,	3

APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIPTS.

Appropriated by the town,	\$1,700 00
Received from State Fund,	208 03
“ “ Dog Fund,	89 75
“ “ Tuitions, Northampton,	55 25
	————— \$2,053 03

EXPENDITURES CHARGEABLE TO SCHOOL MONEY.

Amount of teachers' wages,	\$1,683 00
Expended for fuel,	209 63
“ “ care of houses,	118 95
“ “ encyclopedias,	33 75
	————— \$2,045 33

Balance unexpended, \$7 70

Appropriated for music,	\$150 00
Expended for music,	150 00

Appropriated for books and supplies,	\$235 00
Expended “ “ “	260 06
Expenditure over appropriation,	\$25 06

Appropriated for seats at West Hatfield and West Brook,	\$230 00
Expended for seats,	210 90
Balance unexpended,	————— \$19 10

EXPENDED FOR REPAIRS.

Repairs of blackboards :

Liquid slating,	\$23 05	
Labor,	13 25	
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	36 30	
Less slating unused,	8 64—	\$27 66

Cleaning houses :

Center,	\$5 00	
Hill,	5 00	
West Hatfield,	5 00	
West Brook,	2 50	
Farms,	2 50—	\$20 00

Calcimining two rooms at West Hatfield,	\$12 82	
Repair of clocks,	5 87	
Repair of slate roofs, etc.,	33 42	
Repair of stoves and pipes, etc.,	28 10	
Door and transom window,	6 38	

Supplies for repairs :

E. M. Martin,	\$2 73	
J. H. Howard,	6 73	
I. R. Clark,	10 27	
E. E. Wood,	16 03	
Miscellaneous,	18 82—	\$54 58

Labor :

John Statder,	\$ 8 75	
E. P. Lyman,	21 83—	\$30 58

Old Bills :

Theodore Baggs,	\$4 67	
Eames and Sprague,	1 13—	\$5 80

Total for repairs, etc, \$225 21

ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURES FOR 1889-90.

For Schools, for 35 weeks,	\$2,000 00
“ “ “ 31 “	1,700 00
Books and Supplies,	250 00
Music Teacher,	150 00
Music Books,	50 00

C. M. BARTON,	}	<i>School Committee.</i>
GEORGE C. MARSH,		
S. S. DWIGHT,		

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

Town of Hatfield,

For the Year Ending March 1st, 1890.

NORTHAMPTON, MASS.:

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1890.

ARTICLES IN THE WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING, MARCH 17, 1890.

ARTICLE 1.—To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART. 2.—To choose all necessary Town officers for the ensuing year, including three members of the School Committee, one each for one, two and three years.

ART. 3.—To choose an Elector under the Will of the late Oliver Smith, Esq.

ART. 4.—To revise and accept the list of Jurors submitted by the Selectmen.

ART. 5.—To hear the reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, and School Committee, and act thereon.

ART. 6.—To receive and pass on Town accounts.

ART. 7.—To take action in relation to raising money to defray the expenses of the Town for the ensuing year.

ART. 8.—To see what method the Town will adopt for the maintenance and repairs of highways and bridges for the ensuing year.

ART. 9.—To see what action the Town will take in relation to prompt payment of taxes for the ensuing year.

ART. 10.—To see if the Town will make an appropriation for the Public Library, and choose a committee for the same.

ART. 11.—To take action in relation to the support of the poor for the ensuing year.

ART. 12.—To see if the Town will appropriate money to defray the expenses of celebrating "Memorial Day."

ART. 13.—To take action under Chap. 100, Sec. 5 of the Public Statutes. The vote must be by separate ballot, Yes or No, in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this town?"

ART. 14.—To see if the Town will employ a Teacher of Music in the schools.

ART. 15.—To see if the Town will take action in relation to the care of the cemeteries in Town.

ART. 16.—To see if the Town will take action under the law of 1888, relating to a School Superintendent.

ART. 17.—To see if the Town will appropriate money for special repairs on school houses.

ART. 18.—To see what action the Town will take under Chap. 37, Sec. 4, of Public Statutes, in relation to providing a fire-proof safe or compartment, for the preservation of books and records of the Town.

ART. 19.—To see if the Town will take action in relation to the copying of Town records.

ART. 20.—To see if the Town will take action in relation to draining water from highway on School street and Whately road.

ART. 21.—To see if the Town will provide a public watering trough on Main street.

ART. 22.—To see if the Town will take action in relation to having the highways, or portions of them, surveyed, and permanent boundaries fixed by County Commissioners, or otherwise, as the Town may direct.

ART. 23.—To see if the Town will take any action in relation to sidewalks.

Selectmen's Report.

To the Inhabitants of Hatfield :

Your Selectmen respectfully submit the following report of the expenditures of this Town for the year past.

Our roads are in ordinary repair, though we would recommend some special repairs, hardening, draining, &c., in various places.

One of the dry bridges, near Edmund Powers, will have to be rebuilt. Pine bridge will need quite extensive repairs. Other bridges, as far as we know, will need only ordinary repairs.

POOR.

We have the following persons boarded in families :

Charles Morton, at \$3.00 per week.

Michael Ryan, at \$2.00 per week.

Patrick Russell, at \$2.75 per week.

Joseph Beauregard, at \$2.00 per week.

Letta Wheeler, at \$1.50 per week.

We have at the Northampton Lunatic Hospital A. M. Richmond, Irving Richmond, and Fred. L. Mosher, a gain of two since last year's report.

Tramps have been quite numerous during the year, we having provided for 233, at an expense to the Town of \$112.57, as you will see by report. We are in hopes for "better things," under the present arrangement.

OLD BILLS.

Charles Marsh, shoveling snow 1888,	\$ 1 25
John Merriek, " " "	1 50
A. E. Harris, " " "	1 06
Mrs. S. R. Wight, " " "	75
John J. Regan, " " "	3 75
Dennis Regan, " " "	2 25
Eurotas Morton, labor on highway 1888,	17 12
E. S. Warner, " " "	13 12
John B. Ryan, " " "	3 00
M. E. Warner, timber and labor, 1888,	20 06
Marcus Morton, administrator C. E. Waite's estate, sand, highway,	4 00
Emma Alt, care of Mrs. Holdfelder,	14 29
J. S. Deinlein, " " "	3 75
Theo. Baggs, keeping tramps.	9 00
E. M. Martin, goods to Chas. Morton,	3 50
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	\$ 98 40

POOR.

John Karin, board of Michael Ryan,	\$ 120 86
John Goodchild, board of Pat. Russell,	141 00
C. M. Barton, medical attendance P. Russell,	1 00
Peter Beloise, board of Jos. Beauregard,	104 00
W. W. Field, board of Charles Morton,	156 00
Mary Wheeler, board of Lotta,	78 00
Sisters of Charity, board of John Tobin,	18 00
N. L. Hospital, board of A. M. Richmond,	169 46
" " " Irving Richmond,	114 67
" " " Fred Mosher,	40 86
City of Northampton, aid to D. Doolan and wife,	84 00
City of Northampton, aid to L. Powers family,	102 33
W. H. Dickinson, rent, Mrs. Dodge,	48 00
E. M. Martin, goods to Chas. Morton,	2 80
John Wenzel, keeping tramps,	95 50

Theo. Bagg, keeping tramps,	\$3 00
Jared Remington, keeping tramps,	9 50
J. H. Howard, crackers to tramps,	4 07
E. Goodwin, wood to tramps,	1 50
J. H. Howard, groceries to Patricks family,	25 16
J. H. Howard, groceries to Barbara Cotz,	8 53
W. J. Lyons, meat to Patricks family,	1 92
W. W. Gore, " " "	6 15
E. Goodin, wood, " "	3 00
H. Shumway, wood, " "	10 00
Jared Remington, sawing wood,	6 25
C. M. Barton, medical attendance, Patricks,	2 00
	<hr/> \$ 1,357 56

To be paid by Town of Wenham,	\$ 48 00
State, Patricks family,	54 48
State, Doolan,	42 00
	<hr/> \$ 144 48

STATE AID.

Mrs. Covill,	\$ 24 00
Mrs. Anderson,	24 00
	<hr/> \$ 48 00

SCHOOLS.

Alberta Pierce, teaching,	\$ 217 00
Seraph M. Loomis, "	217 00
Mary L. Waite, "	248 00
Grace E. Webber, "	197 00
Martha P. Swinerton, teaching,	54 00
Rosella E. Clark, "	217 00
Lizzie D. Porter, "	217 00
Hattie Carl, "	63 00
Augusta Richardson, "	154 00
Carrie L. Warner, "	176 00
Oscar Belden, janitor,	7 90
Henry Videmayer, janitor,	2 50

Arthur Ritchmeyer, janitor,	\$7 15
Elisha Hubbard, Jr., “	9 00
Homer Raboin, “	5 00
Jos. Schepp, “	11 25
Willie Burke, “	7 50
Morris Powers, “	3 00
Mrs. John Smith, sweeping and cleaning,	23 25
Sarah McHugh, sweeping,	7 50
Sarah McHugh, cleaning,	5 50
Hattie Kingsley, sweeping,	15 50
Augusta Richardson, sweeping,	5 50
Edith Howard, sweeping,	2 00
Mrs. John Jendron, cleaning,	5 00
Mrs. Vielemeyer, “	3 00
Kittie Dea, sweeping,	1 50
Geo. Steele, sawing wood,	1 00
	<hr/> \$ 1,883 05

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

R. P. Smith, coal, 1888,	\$ 51 78
H. C. Hammond, supplies,	22 50
S. S. Dwight, coal,	126 75
E. M. Martin, coal,	23 85
E. E. Wood & Son, supplies,	4 00
S. S. Dwight supplies,	8 15
C. M. Barton, supplies and postage,	9 76
F. G. Bardwell, wood,	5 25
Alfred Harris, “	16 00
J. H. Howard, brooms,	2 00
	<hr/> \$ 270 04

SCHOOL BOOKS.

H. C. Hammond,	\$ 22 50
Harper Bros,	53 84
A. C. Stockin,	8 10
S. E. Bridgman & Co.,	37 23
	<hr/> \$ 121 67

SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS.

A. L. Strong, lumber,	\$ 9 65	
F. J. Saffer, labor and material,	35 95	
John McKenna, labor and material,	6 50	
S. W. Kingsley, labor,	1 35	
W. B. Langdon, “	16 70	
E. M. Martin, nails,	75	
E. E. Wood & Son, merchandise,	13 73	
Shumway & Riley, stoves,	14 51	
L. A. Tabor, clocks,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 104 14

OUTBUILDINGS.

F. J. Saffer,	\$ 100 00	
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MUSIC.

Thomas Charmbry,	\$ 150 00	
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MEMORIAL DAY.

J. E. Doane, committee,	\$ 50 00	
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CEMETERIES.

W. H. Dickinson, treas. V. I. Society,	\$ 100 00	
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LIBRARY.

Henry Childs, binding books,	\$ 66 95	
R. M. Woods, books and lumber,	14 52	
J. H. Sanderson, librarian, 1888-89,	67 30	
“ “ cleaning, &c.,	7 75	
E. F. Billings, books,	6 00	

S. E. Bridgman & Co., books,	\$70 09	
W. D. Billings, cataloguing books,	6 00	
Mt. Tom Printing Co., cards,	2 25	
E. Goodin, wood and sawing,	5 50	
J. H. Howard, kerosene oil &c., 1888-89,	6 74	
	<hr/>	\$ 253 10

HILL BRIDGE.

A. L. Strong, lumber,	\$ 100 60	
D. W. Wells, boards,	1 33	
G. Vollanger, labor,	5 25	
M. Hayes, “	3 00	
John Shechan, “	3 00	
E. S. Warner and man, labor,	12 00	
Michael Boyle, labor,	3 00	
M. E. Warner, “	3 50	
James Mullens, “	1 50	
Joseph Murray, labor and tools,	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 139 18
A. L. Strong, lumber for bridge on Depot Road,	\$ 4 23	
H. Shumway, plank for bridges,	37 06	
	<hr/>	\$ 41 29

FILLING BRIDGE ON DEPOT ROAD.

J. Carl, man and team,	\$ 1 75	
M. E. Warner, man and team,	1 75	
E. S. Warner, “ “ “	1 75	
J. B. Ryan,	1 75	
James Ryan,	1 75	
J. J. Ryan, labor,	68	
M. Boyl, labor,	67	
John Sheehan,	68	
John McGrath, labor,	67	
Joseph Stoddard, “	68	
W. W. Gore, “	67	
Fred Wagner, “	1 35	

John May,	labor,	\$ 68
Joseph Smith,	"	67
Thos McGrath,	"	68
L. Raboin,	"	67
John Kiley,	"	68
John Steinglein,	"	67

\$ 18 20

SPECIAL REPAIRS, PONSETT HILL.

M. Lamontain,	labor,	\$ 2 50
James Ormon,	"	5 00
Thomas Sheehan,	labor,	7 50
Charles Kingsley,	"	5 00
John Sheehan,	"	10 00
Thos McGrath,	"	7 50
M. W. Kingsley,	"	4 38
M. Hayes,	"	8 13
Fred Wheeler,	"	5 00
John Kiley,	"	4 38
David Fitzgerald,	"	7 50
John Cooney,	"	8 75
Daniel Cahill,	"	3 75
John McGrath,	"	7 50
R. McGrath,	"	6 25
Dennis Fitzgerald,	"	6 50
William M. Jones,	team,	6 50
Lewis Raboin,	"	26 87
H. S. Hubbard,	"	6 50
Michael Boyl,	"	22 25
John McHugh,	"	24 50
E. S. Warner,	"	19 25
J. B. Ryan,	"	13 00
J. D. Porter,	"	13 00
M. E. Warner,	"	26 25
B. M. Warner,	"	24 88
Thaddeus Graves,	sand,	7 80
H. G. Maynard,	stone,	6 50
N. H. St. Railway,	wheelbarrows,	6 00

\$ 302 94

LINSEED ROAD.

G. Steele, labor,	\$2 75
G. Vollanger, labor,	13 12
Peter Saffer, “	32 53
J. J. Steinglein, labor,	8 25
John May, “	1 37
J. A. Cutter, “	10 37
L. Dooppmann, “	3 50
Jos. Newman, “	3 00
F. J. Saffer, “	3 00
John Volanger, “	1 37
H. Shumway, “	15 00
A. L. Strong, lumber,	5 52
	<hr/> \$99 81

MAIN STREET.

D. W. Wells, team and labor,	\$5 39
W. H. Dickinson, team and labor,	4 03
John McHugh, “ “	15 93
Michael Boyle, labor,	4 05
John Sheehan, “	4 05
George Saffer, “	1 35
P. J. Boyle, “	1 35
E. B. Dickinson, sand and tile,	6 35
J. A. Sullivan, tile,	29 25
	<hr/> \$71 75

SCHOOL STREET.

Thomas McGrath, labor,	\$4 52
George Steele, “	7 50
Geo. Volanger, “	7 50
John McGrath, “	3 82
J. J. Steinglein, “	2 36
John Kiley, “	2 35
John May, “	4 37
Lewis Raboin, “	2 03
Jos. Stoddard, “	3 02

E. S. Warner, team,	\$1 75	
J. B. Ryan, "	7 17	
Wells & Barnes, "	30 69	
M. E. Warner, "	7 87	
Michael Proulx, "	5 42	
J. Carl, "	9 62	
Jas. Ryan, "	6 12	
S. G. Hubbard, "	3 50	
H. Shumway, " .	35 00	
John McHugh, "	2 43	
Michael Boyle, labor,	6 92	
Jos. Smith, "	4 05	
W. W. Gore, "	2 36	
J. J. Ryan, "	3 02	
John Sheehan, "	12 95	
Thomas A. Nolan, labor,	1 35	
J. A. Sullivan, tile,	16 63	
Porter Machine Works, drills and sharpening,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$199 32

WILKIE'S HILL, GRADENING AND HARDENING.

J. Carl, team,	\$3 50	
E. S. Warner, team,	3 50	
M. E. Warner, team,	3 50	
Wells & Barnes, team,	7 00	
J. B. Ryan, "	3 50	
Michael Proulx, "	5 25	
James Ryan, "	3 50	
John Sheehan, labor,	1 35	
Michael Boyle, "	1 35	
J. J. Ryan, "	1 35	
Jos. Smith, "	1 35	
Jos. Stoddard, "	1 35	
T. A. Nolan, "	1 35	
John Kiley, "	67	
J. J. Steinglein, labor,	1 35	
W. W. Gore, "	1 35	
	<hr/>	\$41 22

TURNPIKING WHATELY ROAD.

H. Shumway,	\$34 50	
	<hr/>	\$34 50

GENERAL REPAIRS HIGHWAYS.

E. S. Warner, school house hill and foot walk,	\$8 93	
D. W. Wells, Jericho,	4 50	
Trimming trees, etc., Sept. 17,	10 03	
B. M. Warner, " " " " "	12 34	
E. E. Wood & Son, explosives,	7 15	
G. M. Donelson, Doppman crossing,	11 85	
N. J. Powers, Farms,	12 40	
C. W. Marsh, Farms,	5 25	
E. W. Field, soil for Farms highway,	4 92	
A. W. Hammel, Ferry road,	14 10	
John Deinlein, Railing Depot road,	5 00	
T. A. Nolan, Chestnut street,	3 25	
Peter Beloise, " "	3 00	
John Kiley, " "	38	
Peter Saffer, wall, river bank,	27 00	
J. H. Howard, spikes, etc.,	5 74	
H. Shumway,	14 25	
	<hr/>	\$150 09

HIGHWAYS.

H. Shumway, ordinary repairs,	\$500 00	
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TOWN OFFICERS.

W. D. Billings, serving warrants, Town meetings,	\$24 00
W. D. Billings, serving Warrants, Dogs,	3 00
W. D. Billings, Assessor and copying Valuation Book,	100 00
W. D. Billings, Town Clerk, and Clerk of Board of Registrars,	100 00

W. D. Billings, recording births, deaths and marriages,	\$20 00	
J. D. Porter, Selectman,	125 00	
M. E. Warner, “	50 00	
C. A. Jones, “	50 00	
G. C. Marsh, School Committee, 1888-89,	25 00	
S. S. Dwight, “ “ 1888-89,	62 50	
C. M. Barton, “ “ 1889,	50 00	
W. C. Dickinson, Treasurer,	100 00	
C. B. Dickinson, Collector,	120 00	
J. T. Fitzgibbons, Assessor,	82 50	
C. L. Warner, “	45 00	
C. K. Morton, Elector,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$967 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

American Road Machine Co., edge for Mch.,	\$ 8 00
C. B. Dickinson, tax bills and book,	9 45
Oscar Belden, abatement of tax,	8 00
J. C. Melendy, storage of road machine 2 years,	5 00
C. P. Daugherty, painting road machine,	18 00
J. D. Gill, books for Assessors,	6 20
S. W. Kingsley, repairs ladders, &c.,	7 50
John McHugh, hauling road machine,	1 00
J. H. Howard, voting shelves, cartage and setting up,	15 00
E. P. Lyman, repairs town hall,	2 10
A. M. Peck, work in cemetery and recording deaths,	8 50
Maurice Fitzgibbons, care watering trough,	2 50
W. L. Smith & Co., chairs and cover for table, town hall,	11 92
W. G. Bassett, counsel, Assessors,	4 00
“ “ opinion on Mayers Tobacco tax,	5 00
Bond & Mason, “ “ “ “ “	4 00
D. Aiken & Son, “ “ “ “ “	10 00
W. D. Billings, postage,	2 00
J. H. Howard, “	2 46

J. H. Howard, expenses to Orange, F. Mosher,	\$1 95	
“ “ Tally sheets,	1 00	
“ “ freight and Justice of Peace,	75	
“ “ grates for drain,	1 00	
“ “ W. G. Bassett, counsel R. R.		
crossing,	2 00	
John McHugh, guide board, Ferry,	75	
Wade, Warner & Co., Selectmen's order book,	5 25	
S. E. Bridgman & Co., stationery &c., to W. D.		
Billings, 1887-88-89,	5 60	
C. L. Warner, legal advice and expenses,		
assessors,	10 00	
Gazette Printing Co., reports,	32 00	
John McHugh, sawing wood, town hall,	1 50	
C. D. Bardwell, janitor and sawing wood,		
town hall,	19 75	
Frank Lovett, repairs Mrs. Covill's roof,	1 00	
S. P. Billings, Justice of Peace,	3 00	
F. H. Bardwell, distributing votes on amend-		
ment,	1 00	
B. M. Warner, distributing votes on amend-		
ment,	1 00	
Dennis McGrath, inspector at election,	2 00	
Joseph Mayers Sons, tobacco tax refunded,	288 00	
H. Shumway. express on books,	10 95	
		\$ 519 13

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. HOWARD,	} Selectmen of Town of Hatfield.
M. E. WARNER,	
C. A. JONES,	

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen of Hatfield for the year ending March 1, 1890, and have found them correct, with proper vouchers on file for all warrants drawn, amounting to seven thousand six hundred twenty dollars and thirty-nine cents, (\$7,620.39.)

D. W. WELLS, Auditor.

HATFIELD, March 3, 1890.

APPROPRIATIONS TOWN OF HATFIELD, 1889.

Highways and Bridges,	\$1,600 00
Schools,	1,700 00
Poor,	1,200 00
Town Officers,	900 00
Contingencies,	500 00
Interest,	100 00
School Books,	250 00
Public Library,	250 00
Music in Schools,	150 00
Cemeteries,	100 00
Memorial Day,	50 00
School House Repairs and Outbuildings,	100 00
School Superintendent,	185 28
Special repairs School street,	200 00
	<hr/> \$7,285 28

LIST OF JURORS REPORTED BY THE SELECT-MEN FOR THE YEAR 1890.

Fred H. Bardwell,	Arthur F. Curtis,
Charles W. Marsh,	E. M. Martin,
Lewis A. Billings,	M. P. Bradford,
David Billings,	M. N. Hubbard,
Edward B. Dickinson,	S. W. Kingsley,
Wm. H. Dickinson,	Edwin W. Field,
Henry G. Moore,	Martin Lyons,
Benjamin M. Warner,	George M. Donelson,
John H. Sanderson,	Walter H. Langdon,
Silas S. Dwight,	Samuel P. Billings,

Edward Sheehan

TREASURER'S REPORT.

WM. C. DICKINSON, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
TOWN OF HATFIELD.

DR.

Cash rec'd from Cooley B. Dickinson, col.,	\$ 415 58
Carlton H. Crafts, col.,	7,749 15
National Bank Tax,	1,636 89
Corporation Tax,	298 29
Income of School Fund,	209 64
Dog Fund,	68 54
State Aid,	48 00
Support of State Paupers,	35 20
Town of Whately, tuition,	30 00
C. D. Bardwell, on account,	19 75
J. E. Doane, settlement of acct.	15 00
E. S. Warner, old plank,	3 20
	<hr style="width: 100px; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"/> \$10,529 24

TO CASH RECEIVED FROM TEMPORARY LOANS.

Hampshire Savings Bank,	\$ 1000 00
“ “ “	1000 00
“ “ “	1000 00
“ “ “	1000 00
	<hr style="width: 100px; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"/> \$ 4,000 00
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	\$14, 529 24

Cr.

By balance due Treasurer from old acct.,		\$ 118 73
Cash paid Selectmen's orders,	\$7,620 39	
County Tax,	1,364 93	
State Tax,	960 00	
Interest on notes,	127 99	
	<hr/>	\$10,073 31

BY CASH PAID ON TEMPORARY LOANS.

Hampshire Savings Bank,	\$ 1000 00	
" " "	1000 00	
" " "	1000 00	
" " "	1000 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,000 00
Balance in Treasury,		337 20
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		\$14,529 24

IN ACCOUNT WITH COOLEY B. DICKINSON, COLLECTOR.

Cr.

By balance uncollected taxes, 1888-89,	\$ 421 48	
Interest on taxes,	4 10	
	<hr/>	\$ 425 58

Dr.

To cash received,	\$ 415 58	
Orders of abatement,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 425 58

IN ACCOUNT WITH CARLTON H. CRAFTS, COLLECTOR.

Cr.

By Assessors Warrant, 1889-90,	\$8,178 80	
Addition to Warrant,	12 40	
Interest on taxes,	29 96	
	<hr/>	\$ 8,221 16

DR.

To cash received,	\$7,749 15
Orders of abatement,	14 96
Discount on taxes,	111 76
Balance uncollected taxes,	345 29
	<hr/> \$ 8,221 16

SUMMARY.

Cash in Treasury,	\$ 337 20
Uncollected Taxes,	345 29
Due from State Board of Charities,	96 48
Town of Wenham, support of Mrs.	
Dodge,	48 00
C. D. Bardwell,	38 51
In favor of the town,	<hr/> \$ 865 48

I have this day examined the books of the Treasurer and find them correctly cast and properly vouched, and there is a balance in the treasury of three hundred thirty-seven 20-100 dollars.

D. W. WELLS, Auditor.

Hatfield, March 1, 1890.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

The vital statistics of the Town of Hatfield, for the year 1889, are as follows :

BIRTHS BY MONTHS.

	NO.	MALES.	FEMALES.
January,	3	2	1
February,	3	2	1
March,	1		1
April,	2	1	1
May,			
June,	2	1	1
July,	3	2	1
August,	2		2
September,	4		4
October,	1		1
November,	1	1	
December,	4	2	2
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Total,	26	11	15

BIRTHPLACE OF PARENTS.

	Father.	Mother.
Born in United States,	14	12
“ Canada,	2	3

Born in Ireland,	1	1
“ Germany,	9	5
“ India,		1
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	26	26

Births for the five previous years:

1884	1885	1886	1887	1888
33	32	39	30	22

MARRIAGES BY MONTHS.

	NO.
January,	1
February,	1
March,	1
April,	2
July,	1
August,	1
September,	1
October,	1
November,	1
Total,	<hr/> 10

First marriage of both parties,	8
First marriage of bride, -	1
Second marriage of groom,	1
Second marriage of bride,	1
Third marriage of groom,	1
Age of oldest bride,	70 years.
Age of youngest brides, (2)	17 “
Age of oldest groom,	62 “
Age of youngest grooms, (2)	21 “

BIRTHPLACE OF PERSONS MARRIED.

	Bride.	Groom.
Born in United States,	8	8
“ Canada,		1
“ Germany,	1	1
“ Ireland,	1	
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	10	10

Number of certificates of marriage issued from this office, 10

Marriages recorded for the five previous years :

1884	1885	1886	1887	1888
10	9	5	6	7

DEATHS BY MONTHS.

	NO.	MALES.	FEMALES.
January,	1	1	
February,	5	1	4
March,	2	1	1
April,	1	1	
May,	2	2	
June,	2	1	1
July,	6	4	2
September,	1	1	
December,	2	1	1
	—	—	—
Total.	22	13	9

	Males.	Females.
Under 5 years of age,	6	0
Between 5 and 10,	0	0
“ 10 “ 20,	0	0
“ 20 “ 30,	0	0
“ 30 “ 40,	2	1
“ 40 “ 50,	1	3
“ 50 “ 60,	0	2
“ 60 “ 70,	3	0
“ 70 “ 80,	1	2
“ 80 “ 90,		1
	—	—
	13	9

Age of oldest person deceased, 81 years.

BIRTHPLACE OF PERSONS DECEASED.

	Males.	Females.
Born in United States,	9	8
“ Ireland,	2	

Born in Germany,	1	1
“ Canada,	1	
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	13	9

Death rate for five previous years :

1884	1885	1886	1887	1888
22	24	24	20	22

Causes of death classified according to the nomenclature adopted by the State Board of Registration.

CONSTITUTIONAL DISEASES.

Cancer,	1
Phthisis, (Consumption of Lungs,)	5

LOCAL DISEASES.

Disease of Heart,	1
Apoplexy,	3
Convulsions,	3
Pneumonia,	3
Peritonitis,	1

DEVELOPMENTAL DISEASES.

Premature Birth,	2
Old Age,	1
Still Born,	1

VIOLENT DEATHS.

Drowning, (Accidental,)	1
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	22

DOGS.

The number of Dogs licensed during the year ending Nov. 30th, 1889, with the receipts and settlement of the account with the County Treasurer, is as follows:

RECEIPTS.

65 Dogs,	\$ 133 00
Less fees at 20 cents each,	13 00
	<hr/> \$ 120 00
Paid Lewis Warner, County Treasurer,	\$ 120 00

Amount paid the County Treasurer on this account for the five previous years:

1884	1885	1886	1887	1888
\$72 00	\$92 40	\$101 40	\$101 40	\$122 40

There have been recorded in the Town Clerk's office, from March 1st, 1889, to March 1st, 1890, seven mortgages of personal property. All other papers four.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. BILLINGS, Town Clerk.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The money appropriated for schools has given us but 31 weeks, whereas, formerly, and till within three years, the school year has been 35 or 36 weeks.

At the same time, school work has been increasing. Vocal music now takes 1-12 of the time ; language teaching has grown from almost nothing to require another twelfth of the school time, while observation lessons and "incidental teaching" have an equal share. Thus one-fourth of the time daily is now used for teaching what a few years ago was scarcely recognized in our school-rooms. In the old studies more rather than less is required. This is especially true of primary arithmetic, the reading lesson, and geography.

Many country towns, recognizing the necessity for it, have *increased* the length of their schools; we, on the contrary, have met the demand for more work with a lessened time to do it in. We cannot return to the customs of the past in our schools. The old studies must be learned as before or better than before, and the later innovations must have a place. The times demands a development of intelligence and the faculty of expression, and not the rhythmic

memorizing of years gone by. Our best schools may be defective and open to criticism; indeed we know they are so, but we shall not perfect them by substituting the customs which the educated world has discarded. The remedy is not backward but onward.

The question of school-district superintendence will again come before the town. An older law than that of 1888 gave towns the legal right to unite in districts for the purpose of maintaining school superintendents. The law of 1888 provides that if the district formed has not less than 30 or more than 50 schools and the salary of the superintendent is not less than \$1250 yearly and has been maintained for one year, and if the towns forming the district have each raised by taxation as much money for the support of schools as they have raised on an average for the three previous years, then the state will pay to such district \$1000, one-half of which shall go toward the pay of superintendent and one-half shall be used for the support of schools.

Should Hatfield unite with Deerfield and Leverett, as now seems possible, the money matter, as near as can be calculated without the figures of school attendance in the towns for this year, would stand thus:

Salary of Superintendent,	\$1,250 00
Deerfield's share,	\$430
Leverett's share,	112
Hatfield's share,	208
To come from the state,	500
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	\$1,250 00

Hatfield would get of the \$500 to go for the support of schools \$138 nearly.

STATEMENT OF SCHOOLS, TEACHERS EMPLOYED, ETC.

CENTER—GRAMMAR.

Mary L. Waite.

Number of scholars enrolled,	30
Average membership,	23
Average attendance,	20
Number of weeks school,	31
Amount paid as wages,	\$248

CENTER—PRIMARY.

Carrie L. Warner.

Number of scholars enrolled,	41
Average membership,	39
Average attendance,	36
Number of scholars under 5,	1
Number of weeks school,	31
Amount paid as wages,	\$248

HILL—GRAMMAR.

Seraph M. Loomis.

Number of scholars enrolled,	28
Average membership,	25
Average attendance,	22
Number of weeks school,	31
Amount paid as wages,	\$217

HILL—PRIMARY.

Martha P. Swinerton.

Grace E. Webber.

Number of scholars enrolled,	31
Average membership,	21
Average attendance,	19
Number of weeks school,	31
Amount paid as wages,	\$197

WEST HATFIELD—GRAMMAR.

Rosella E. Clark.

Number of scholars enrolled,	24
Average membership,	26
Average attendance,	23
Number of scholars over 15 years of age,	1
Number of weeks school,	33
Amount paid as wages,	\$231

WEST HATFIELD—PRIMARY.

Lizzie D. Porter.

Number of scholars enrolled,	33
Average membership,	24
Average attendance,	21
Number of weeks school,	31
Amount paid as wages,	\$217

WEST BROOK.

Alberta L. Pierce.

Number of scholars enrolled,	39
Average membership,	29
Average attendance,	24
Number of scholars over 15 years of age,	2
Number of weeks school,	31
Amount paid as wages,	\$217

FARMS.

Hattie A. Carl.

Augusta I. Richardson.

Number of scholars enrolled,	31
Average membership,	21
Average attendance,	19
Number of weeks school,	31
Amount paid as wages,	\$217

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Number of persons between 5 and 15 years,	247
“ “ “ 8 and 14 years,	157
Number of scholars enrolled,	257
Number of scholars between 5 and 15 years,	253
“ “ “ 8 and 14 years,	160
Average membership in all the schools,	208
“ attendance in all the schools,	184
Number of scholars over 15 years of age,	3
Number of scholars under 5 years of age,	1

APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIPTS.

Appropriated by the town,	\$1700 00
Received from state fund,	309 64
“ “ dog fund,	65 54
Due, Tuitions from Northampton,	63 75
Received Tuitions from Whately,	30 00
Contributed at West Hatfield,	14 00

\$2,182 93

EXPENDITURES CHARGEABLE TO SCHOOL

MONEY.

Amount of Teacher's wages,	\$1,774 00
Expended for fuel,	224 63
“ care of houses,	114 55
“ for charts,	22 50
Balance unexpended,	47 25

\$2,182 93

Appropriated for music,	\$150 00
Expended for music,	150 00
Appropriated for books and supplies,	\$250 00
Expended for books and supplies,	121 67
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Balance unexpended,	\$128 33

An unpaid bill for books will diminish this balance considerably.

Estimate of Expenditures for 1890—91.

For schools,	\$2,000 00
For Books and Supplies,	250 00
For music teachers,	150 00

C. M. BARTON,	} School Committee.
S. S. DWIGHT,	
OSCAR BELDEN.	

